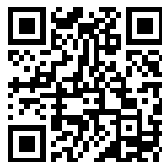

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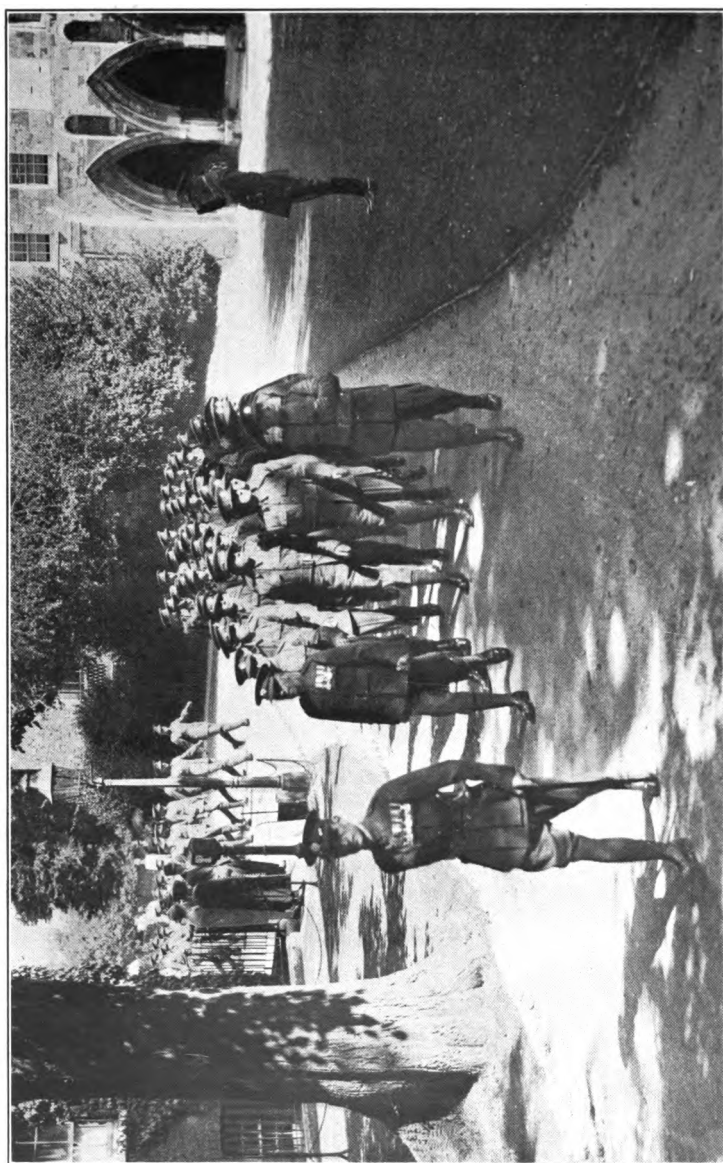




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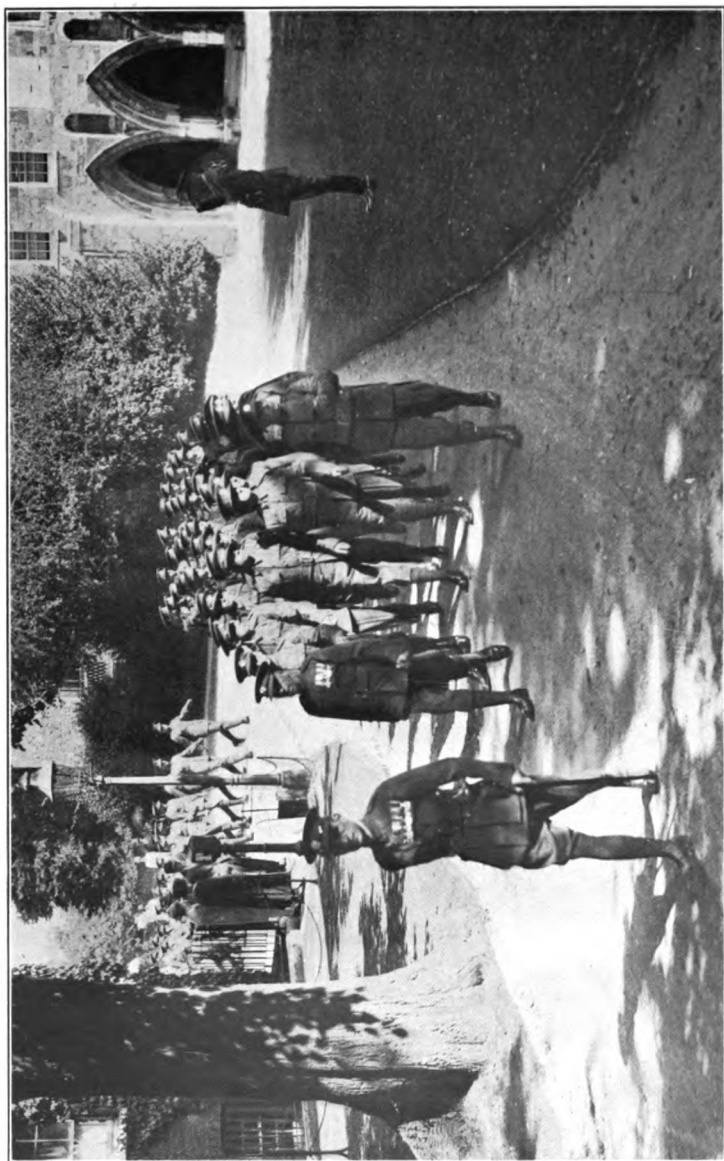
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I Tu—

2 W —1864.—3rd Bn. engaged at SHUBKUDDER (Mohmand Expedition).

3 Th—1809.—1st Bn. engaged at CACABELOS (Retreat to CORUNNA). Rifleman Tom Plunket shot General Colbert.

4 F —1858.—2nd and 3rd Bns. arrived at FUTTEGURH (Indian Mutiny), having marched 76 miles in 27 hours' actual marching in 4 days.

5 S —1809.—1st Bn. covered retirement at SANTA MARIA DE CONSTANTINO (Retreat to CORUNNA).

6 S —1900.—2nd Bn. engaged in repulse of Boer attack on LADYSMITH; casualties: 8 officers and 55 other ranks.

7 M —1852.—1st Bn. left Plymouth for 2nd Kaffir War. 1858.—3rd Bn. engaged near ALLAHABAD (Indian Mutiny).

8 Tu—1812.—1st Bn. engaged at storming of FORT SAN FRANCISCO (**Ciudad Rodrigo**). 1815.—3rd Bn. engaged in attack on lines of NEW ORLEANS (Expedition to New Orleans); casualties: 7 officers and 105 other ranks.

9 W —

10 Th—1809.—1st Bn. engaged in rearguard action at BETANZOS (Retreat to CORUNNA).

11 F —1819.—213 Riflemen on disbandment of 3rd Bn. transferred to 2nd Bn. 1847.—1st Bn. engaged near KEI RIVER (1st Kaffir War).

12 S —

13 S —1814.—Detachments of 1st, 2nd and 3rd Bns. engaged outside ANTWERP (Expeditions to Bergen-op-Zoom).

14 M —

15 Tu—1858.—2nd and 3rd Bns. engaged on the RAMGUNGA RIVER (Indian Mutiny).

16 W —1809.—Battle of **Corunna**. 1st Bn. engaged; casualties during retreat: 3 officers and 170 other ranks.

JANUARY.

- 17 Th**—1800.—Orders issued for formation of “**EXPERIMENTAL CORPS OF RIFLEMEN**” at Horsham Barracks. 1885.—Rifle Company (2nd and 3rd Bns.) Camel Corps at Battle of **ABU KLEA** (Sudan Campaign).
- 18 F** —1803.—**The Rifle Corps** ordered to be named “**The 95th or Rifle Regiment.**”
- 19 S** —1812.—1st and 2nd Bns. engaged at Storming of **Ciudad Rodrigo**; casualties: 6 officers and 55 other ranks. 1885.—Rifle Company Camel Corps at action of **EL GUBAT** (Sudan Campaign).
- 20 S** —1807.—3 Cos. 2nd Bn. engaged in repulse of sortie from **MONTE VIDEO** (Expedition to South America).
- 21 M** —1809.—2nd Bn. embarked at Vigo at end of **Coprunna Campaign**.
- 22 Tu**—1862.—Title of “**THE PRINCE CONSORT’S OWN**” bestowed on the Regiment by **QUEEN VICTORIA**.
- 23 W** —
- 24 Th**—1812.—Major-General Robert Craufurd died of wounds received on 19th at Ciudad Rodrigo. (The Regiment had been in his command at Buenos Ayres and in the campaign in Portugal and Spain, 1808–12.)
- 25 F** —1879.—4th Bn. reached Chunar (Bazar Valley Expedition).
- 26 S** —
- 27 S** —1889.—4th Bn. detachment of 200 men started on **Popa Expedition** (Burma).
- 28 M** —1879.—4th Bn. reconnaissance on **Tirah** (Bazar Valley Expedition).
- 29 Tu**—
- 30 W** —1858.—2nd and 3rd Bns. engaged on **RAMGUNGA RIVER** (Indian Mutiny).
- 31 Th**—1874.—2nd Bn. engaged at **AMOAFUL** (Ashantee); casualties: 3 officers and 6 other ranks.

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- 1 F** —1814.—Detachments 1st, 2nd and 3rd Bns. engaged at **DONK**, Holland (Expedition to Bergen-op-Zoom).
- 2 S** —1814.—Detachments 1st, 2nd and 3rd Bns. engaged at assault and capture of **MERXEM** (Expedition to Bergen-op-Zoom).
- 3 S** —1807.—2nd Bn. engaged at Storming of **Monte Video**; casualties: 3 officers and 29 other ranks. 1918.—10th Bn. disbanded; casualties in dead since raised: 30 officers and 499 other ranks.
- 4 M** —1874.—2nd Bn. engaged at **ORDAHSU, Ashantee**.
- 5 Tu**—1874.—2nd Bn. engaged at capture of **COOMASSIE, Ashantee**, 1873-4. 1900.—1st Bn. engaged at Action of **VAAK KRANTZ** (S. Africa); casualties: 5 officers and 78 other ranks.
- 6 W** —
- 7 Th**—1814.—Detachments 1st, 2nd and 3rd Bns. engaged at French sortie from **ANTWERP** (Expedition to Bergen-op-Zoom).
- 8 F** —
- 9 S** —1859.—2nd Bn. engaged at **SIDHA GHAT** (Indian Mutiny).
- 10 S** —
- 11 M** —1847.—1st Bn. engaged on **FISH RIVER** (1st Kaffir War).
- 12 Tu**—
- 13 W** —
- 14 Th**—1916.—3rd Bn. engaged in German attack **HOOGE AREA** (Action of the **BLUFF**); casualties: 2 officers and 158 other ranks.
- 15 F** —1820.—General Sir David Dundas, Colonel-in-Chief, died.
- 16 S** —1816.—“The **95th or Rifle Regiment**” taken out of the Line and styled the “**Rifle Brigade**.”

FEBRUARY.

- 17 S** —1814.—All 3 Bns. crossed the NIVE ; commencement of campaign of the Pyrenees.
- 18 M** —1900.—1st Bn. engaged at Action of MONTE CHRISTO (S. Africa); casualties : 2 officers and 27 other ranks.
- 19 Tu** —1820.—F.M. The Duke of Wellington appointed Colonel-in-Chief vice Sir David Dundas.
- 20 W** —
- 21 Th**—
- 22 F** —1810.—LIGHT DIVISION formed under Craufurd.
- 23 S** —1900.—1st Bn. and Rifle Battalion (Reservists 2nd Bn.) engaged on TUGELA RIVER (S. Africa).
- 24 S** —1900.—Action on TUGELA RIVER continued ; casualties : 4 officers and 48 other ranks.
- 25 M** —
- 26 Tu** —1814.—2nd and 3rd Bns. engaged at the Passage of the GAVE DU PAU (Pyrenees), Peninsula War.
- 27 W** —1814.—2nd and 3rd Bns. engaged at Battle of **Orthes**. 1900.—1st Bn. engaged at Action of PIETERS HILL ; casualties : 2 officers and 66 other ranks. .
- 28 Th**—1900.—**Relief of Ladysmith**. 1st Bn.'s casualties during relief operations : 15 officers and 178 other ranks. 2nd Bn.'s casualties during **Defence of Ladysmith** (from 1 Nov. 1899) : 13 officers and 152 other ranks.

MARCH.

- 1 F —**
- 2 S —**1896.—Rifle Company Mounted Infantry (Detachments 2nd and 4th Bns.) embarked for Matabele War.
- 3 S —**
- 4 M —**
- 5 Tu—**1811.—Battle of **Barossa**. 2 Cos. 2nd Bn. and 4 Cos. 3rd Bn. engaged; casualties: 6 officers and 95 other ranks.
- 6 W —**1858.—2nd and 3rd Bns. engaged at **LUCKNOW** (Indian Mutiny).
- 7 Th—**1811.—Pursuit of Massena. Riflemen mounted behind 1st Royal Dragoons (Peninsula War).
- 8 F —**1916.—16th Bn. disembarked at Havre. 1917.—2nd Bn. **V.C.** awarded to Lieut. G. Cates for gallantry in trenches on this date.
- 9 S —**1858.—2nd and 3rd Bns. engaged at **LUCKNOW** (Indian Mutiny).
- 10 S —**1915.—2nd Bn. engaged in **Battle of Neuve Chapelle** (lasted till 13th); casualties: 12 officers and 367 other ranks.
- 11 M —**1858.—2nd and 3rd Bns. engaged at **Lucknow** (Indian Mutiny).
- 12 Tu—**1811.—1st Bn. engaged in combat of the **REDINHA** (Peninsula War); casualties: 2 officers and 13 other ranks. 1915.—2nd Bn. **V.C.s** awarded to C.S.M. H. Daniels and A/Cpl. Noble for gallantry in the Battle of **NEUVE CHAPELLE**.
- 13 W —**
- 14 Th—**
- 15 F —**1915.—4th Bn. engaged in Action of **St. Eloi** (Ypres Area); casualties: 10 officers and 93 other ranks.
- 16 S —**1859.—2nd Bn. engaged near **SUPREE** (Indian Mutiny).
- 17 S —**1812.—1st Bn. at commencement of Second Siege of Badajoz.
- 18 M —**1811.—1st Bn. engaged at **PONTE DA MURCELLA** (Peninsula War).
- 19 Tu—**1810.—1st Bn. engaged at **BARBA DEL PUERCO** (Peninsula War); casualties: 1 officer and 22 other ranks.

MARCH.

- 20 W** —1814.—Action of **TARBES** fought and won by the 3 Bns. of the 95th or Rifle Regiment unaided by other British troops; casualties: 12 officers and 81 other ranks.
- 21 Th**—1918.—**The First Battles of the Somme** began (lasted till 5 April). 3rd, 7th, 8th, 9th, 11th, and 16th Bns. heavily engaged; casualties: 3rd Bn., 21 March to 5 April, 23 officers and 410 other ranks.
- 22 F** —
- 23 S** —1855.—1st and 2nd Bns. engaged in repulse of Sortie from SEVAS-TOPOL. 1858.—2nd and 3rd Bns. engaged at KOORSEE near Lucknow (Indian Mutiny). 1918.—**First Battles of the Somme**. 2nd Bn. heavily engaged near PARGNY on River SOMME; casualties: 5 officers and about 60 other ranks. 3rd Bn. engaged in rearguard action of FALVY BRIDGE on River SOMME.
- 24 S** —1881.—4th Bn. started on Wazir Expedition from Rawal Pindi. 1918.—**First Battles of the Somme**. 2nd Bn. heavily engaged near MORCHAIN (River SOMME); casualties: 11 officers and about 300 other ranks.
- 25 M** —
- 26 Tu**—1812.—1st and 3rd Bns. at Storming of FORT PICURINA, BADAJOZ. 3rd Bn. was the first unit in.
- 27 W** —
- 28 Th**—1918.—**First Battles of the Somme**. 1st Bn. heavily engaged in front of FAMPOUX; casualties: 5 officers and 159 other ranks, 3rd Bn. engaged at VRELY.
- 29 F** —1918.—**First Battles of the Somme**. 12th Bn. captured village of MEZIERES (S.E. of Amiens) in a counter-attack; casualties: (29th–31st) 19 officers and 430 other ranks.
- 30 S** —1917.—2nd, 10th and 11th Bns. engaged, during German withdrawal, in front of DESSART WOOD (N.E. of Peronne). These 3 Bns. attacked in line, 2nd on the right, 10th Bn. in centre, 11th Bn. on left.
- 31 S** —1926.—1st British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own), allied to the Regiment.

APRIL.

- 1 M**—1800.—First parade of "Experimental Corps of Riflemen" at Horsham. 1855.—3rd Bn. raised for the 2nd time, at Haslar. 1925.—The Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry allied to the Regiment.
- 2 Tu**—1801.—Battle of **Copenhagen**. Riflemen engaged in H.M.S. "St. George" (Lord Nelson's flagship); casualties: 1 officer and 8 other ranks.
- 3 W**—1811.—1st Bn. and 1 Co. 2nd Bn. engaged in action near **SABUGAL** (Peninsula War).
- 4 Th**—1917.—2nd Bn. engaged in attack near **GOUZEAUCOURT** (N.E. of **PERONNE**); casualties: 2 officers and 33 other ranks (German withdrawal, 1917). 11th Bn. engaged near **HAVRINCOURT** in capture of position afterwards known as "Greenjacket Ridge"; casualties: 6 officers and 115 other ranks (German withdrawal, 1917).
- 5 F**—1858.—Camel Corps formed during Indian Mutiny by detachments from 2nd and 3rd Bns. and 200 Sikhs.
- 6 S**—1812.—Storming of **Badajoz**. 8 Cos. of 1st Bn., 2 Cos. of 2nd Bn. and 5 Cos. of 3rd Bn. engaged; casualties: 23 officers and 263 other ranks. 1815.—Honour **Peninsula** awarded Regiment.
- 7 S** —
- 8 M** —
- 9 Tu**—1917.—**The Battles of Arras** began (lasted till 16 May). 1st Bn. heavily engaged and captured the **HYDERABAD REDOUBT**, 6,000 yards beyond German front line and the farthest point of the British advance; casualties: 9 officers and 229 other ranks (1st Battle of the **SCARPE**, 1917). 7th, 8th and 9th Bns. engaged in attack on line of River **SCARPE-MERCATEL** (1st Battle of the **SCARPE**). 1918.—**THE BATTLES OF THE LYS** began (lasted till 29th).
- 10 W**—1814.—Battle of **Toulouse**. All 3 Bns. engaged; casualties: 1 officer and 40 other ranks.
- 11 Th**—1917.—**The Battles of Arras**. 7th, 8th and 9th Bns. engaged in attack on **FEUCHY** Line (1st Battle of the **SCARPE**). 1918.—**The Battles of the Lys**. 16th Bn. engaged in attack on **WYTSCHAETE RIDGE** (Battle of **MESSINES**, 1918).
- 12 F** —
- 13 S** —1858.—2nd Bn. engaged at **BAREE** (Indian Mutiny).

APRIL.

- 14 S** —1917.—**The Battles of Arras.** 3rd Bn. engaged at capture of LIEVIN (Lens Area. Battle of VIMY RIDGE). 1918.—The Battles of the Lys. 1st Bn. engaged along LA BASSEE Canal near ROBEQ (Defence of HINGES RIDGE).
- 15 M** —1917.—Co. of 3rd Bn. entered outskirts of LENS; casualties: 2 officers, 40 other ranks.
- 16 Tu**—
- 17 W** —1863.—Field-Marshal Lord Seaton, Colonel-in-Chief, died.
- 18 Th**—1863.—General Sir G. Brown appointed Colonel-in-Chief, vice Lord Seaton. 1918.—The Battles of the Lys. 1st Bn. engaged near HINGES (Battle of BETHUNE).
- 19 F** —
- 20 S** —1855.—Rifle pits at SEVASTOPOL manned and held by volunteers from 1st Bn.
- 21 S** —1917.—2nd Bn. engaged in capture of GONNELIEU (Cambrai-Peronne Area. German withdrawal); casualties: 5 officers and 60 other ranks.
- 22 M** —1855.—Russians driven from the Rifle pits, SEVASTOPOL. **V.C.**s awarded to Riflemen Bradshaw, Humpston and MacGregor for gallantry on this occasion. 1915.—**The Battles of Ypres** began (lasted till 25 May). 1st and 4th Bns. engaged. 1918.—The Battles of the Lys. 1st Bn. engaged near HINGES in successful attack, securing the LA BASSEE Canal; casualties: 7 officers and 112 other ranks. **V.C.** awarded to Sergt. Woodall for gallantry on this occasion.
- 23 Tu**—1811.—1st Bn. engaged at defence of Bridge of MARIALVA (Peninsula War) and again on the 27th. 1917.—**The Battles of Arras.** 13th Bn. engaged at 2nd Battle of the SCARPE.
- 24 W** —1915.—4th Bn. Battle of ST. JULIEN.
- 25 Th**—1859.—2nd Bn. engaged in GOGRA JUNGLE (Indian Mutiny).
- 26 F** —
- 27 S** —1811.—1st Bn. engaged in 2nd attack on Bridge of Marialva (Peninsula War).
- 28 S** —
- 29 M** —1852.—1st Bn. engaged in attack on MUNDEL'S KRANTZ (2nd Kaffir War).
- 30 Tu**—

MAY.

- 1 W** —1871.—Lieut. H.R.H. Prince Arthur promoted Captain in 1st Bn. 1918.—16th Bn. reduced to cadre strength during the month and employed in training American troops till the Armistice.
- 2 Th**—
- 3 F** —1915.—**The Battles of Ypres.** 1st Bn. heavily engaged in German attack YPRES Area. "A" Co. successfully resisted attack from 4 a.m. till dusk with only 1 officer and 3 other ranks able to fire from noon onwards (Battle of St. JULIEN). 1917.—**The Battles of Arras,** 1917. 1st Bn. engaged in attack on CHEMICAL WORKS, ROEUX (3rd Battle of the SCARPE, lasted till 12th).
- 4 S** —1809.—3rd Bn. raised for first time by transfer of over 1,000 Riflemen from 1st and 2nd Battalions.
- 5 S** —1811.—Battle of **Fuentes d'Onor.** 1st Bn. and 1 Co. of 2nd and 3rd Bns. engaged; casualties: 1 officer and 16 other ranks. 1919.—13th Bn. disbanded; casualties in dead since raised: 24 officers and 731 other ranks.
- 6 M** —1805.—2nd Bn. formed at Canterbury by draft of 21 Sergeants, 20 Corporals, 7 Buglers and 250 Riflemen from 1st Bn.
- 7 Tu**—1843.—The Reserve Battalion of 6 Cos. formed at Dover. 1915. —4th Bn. Battle of FREZENBERG.
- 8 W** —1918.—**V.C.s** awarded to Sergeant W. Gregg and Rifleman W. Beesley, 13th Bn., for gallantry on patrol near BUCQUOY (Bapaume-Arras Area).
- 9 Th**—1915.—**BATTLE OF AUBERS RIDGE.** 2nd Bn. heavily engaged in attack on FROMELLES; casualties: all Company officers except 2 and 628 other ranks.
- 10 F** —
- 11 S** —1917.—**The Battles of Arras.** 1st Bn. engaged at capture of CHEMICAL WORKS and Station Buildings at ROEUX (3rd Battle of the SCARPE); casualties (since 3rd): 8 officers and 195 other ranks.

MAY.

12 S —1811.—Portions of all 3 Bns. engaged near ESPEGA (Peninsula War).

13 M —1858.—2nd Bn. engaged at NUGGUR (Indian Mutiny).

14 Tu —1890.—Lee-Metford Magazine Rifles issued to 2nd Bn.

15 W —

16 Th —

17 F —1852.—1st Bn. engaged near the WATERKLOOF (2nd Kaffir War).

18 S —

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20 M —1915.—7th and 8th Bns. disembarked at Boulogne.

21 Tu —1915.—9th Bn. disembarked at Boulogne.

22 W —

23 Th —

24 F —1915.—4th Bn. Battle of BELLEWAARDE.

25 S —

26 S —

27 M —1812.—All 3 Bns. of Regiment reviewed by Lord Wellington near El Bodon. "You look well and in good fighting order."

28 Tu —1852.—1st Bn. engaged at INGILBY'S FARM (2nd Kaffir War).

29 W —1880.—H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn appointed Colonel-in-Chief. 1919.—12th Bn. disbanded: casualties in dead since raised: 27 officers and 745 other ranks.

30 Th —1919.—11th Bn. disbanded; casualties in dead since raised: 18 officers and 603 other ranks.

31 F —

JUNE.

1 S —1881.—Honours **Afghanistan** and **Ali Musjid** conferred on Regiment for Afghan War of 1878-9.

2 S —1902.—End of S. African War.

3 M —

4 Tu—1856.—1st Bn. left for England at end of Crimean War ; casualties sustained in all ranks : 113 killed, 342 wounded and sick, 353 invalided.

5 W —

6 Th—1854.—Title of "2nd Lieutenant" used since the Regiment was first raised changed to that of Ensign.

7 F —1917.—3rd Bn. engaged at **Battle of Messines** (lasted till 14th) ; casualties : 2 officers and 45 other ranks.

8 S —1919.—16th Bn. disbanded ; casualties in dead since raised : 20 officers and 635 other ranks.

9 S —1854.—Minié Rifle issued to 1st Bn.

10 M —

11 Tu—

12 W —1813.—1st and 3rd Bns. engaged near the **HORMUZA** (Peninsula War).

13 Th—1858.—2nd and 3rd Bns. engaged at **NAWABGUNGE** (Indian Mutiny) ; casualties : 1 officer and 15 other ranks.

14 F —

15 S —

16 S —1815.—1st Bn. engaged at **BATTLE OF QUATRE BRAS** ; casualties : 5 officers and 59 other ranks.

17 M —

JUNE.

- 18 Tu**—1815.—Battle of **Waterloo**. All 3 Bns. engaged ; casualties : 1st Bn. (6 Cos.), 15 officers and 144 other ranks ; 2nd Bn. (6 Cos.), 14 officers and 113 other ranks ; 3rd Bn. (2 Cos.), 5 officers and 39 other ranks. 1855.—1st and 2nd Bns. engaged in the first attack on **THE REDAN** (**SEVASTOPOL**) ; casualties : 5 officers and 122 other ranks. 1919.—7th Bn. disbanded ; casualties in dead since raised : 21 officers and 505 other ranks.
- 19 W** —
- 20 Th**—1858.—Short Rifles issued to 4th Bn.
- 21 F** —1813.—Battle of **Vittoria**. All 3 Bns. engaged. The Riflemen captured the first gun and 3 days later the last gun of the French Army.
- 22 S** —
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- 26 W** —1857.—Queen Victoria presented the **V.C.** to Bt.-Major The Hon. H. Clifford, Bt.-Major C. T. Bouchier, Captain W. J. Cunninghame, Lieut. John Knox, Riflemen Wheatley, Bradshaw, MacGregor and Humpston, "For Valour" during the Crimean War.
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- 28 F** —1837.—2nd Bn. at Coronation of Queen Victoria.
- 29 S** —1897.—3rd Bn. started on Tochi Valley Expedition.
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JULY.

- 1 M**—1916.—**The Battles of the Somme** began (lasted to 18 Nov.). 1st Bn. heavily engaged; casualties: 1st Bn., 23 officers and over 400 other ranks; 2nd Bn., 5 officers and 128 other ranks.
- 2 Tu**—1807.—5 Cos. 1st Bn. and 3 Cos. 2nd Bn. engaged at PASSO CHICO and drove Spaniards into Buenos Ayres (Expedition to South America); casualties: 1 officer and 25 other ranks.
- 3 W**—1809.—“The Light Brigade” formed under Major-General R. Craufurd, consisting of 1st Bn., the 43rd and 52nd Regiments, at Vallada (Peninsula War).
- 4 Th**—1916.—16th Bn. engaged in attack on German position near FESTUBERT; casualties: 10 officers and 107 other ranks.
- 5 F**—1807.—1st and 2nd Bns. engaged in attack on BUENOS AYRES; casualties: 11 officers and 238 other ranks. 1915.—1st Bn. engaged in attack on German position near BOESINGHE; casualties: 9 officers and 246 other ranks.
- 6 S**—1916.—**V.C.** awarded to Bt.-Major W. La T. Congreve, D.S.O., M.C., for gallantry, 6–20 July.
- 7 S**—1815.—British Army entered Paris after Waterloo. 2nd Bn. was the first unit to enter the city.
- 8 M**—
- 9 Tu**—1915.—16th Bn. ordered to be formed.
- 10 W**—1916.—**Battles of the Somme.** 13th Bn. engaged in attack near POZIERES (BATTLE OF ALBERT); casualties: 20 officers and 380 other ranks.
- 11 Th**—1856.—2nd Bn. landed in England on return from Crimean War; casualties sustained in other ranks, 132 killed, 353 died of disease and 574 wounded.
- 12 F**—
- 13 S**—
- 14 S**—
- 15 M**—1813.—1st Bn. engaged at SANTA BARBARA (Peninsula War) 1922.—3rd Bn. disbanded on reduction of Army.
- 16 Tu**—

JULY.

17 W —1814.—5 Cos. 3rd Bn. landed in England at end of Peninsula War.

18 Th—

19 F —1812.—All 3 Bns. engaged on the GUARENA River (Peninsula War).

20 S —

21 S —

22 M —1812.—Battle of **Salamanca**. All 3 Bns. slightly engaged. 1915.—10th and 11th Bns. disembarked at Boulogne. 12th Bn. disembarked at Havre.

23 Tu—1812.—All 3 Bns. engaged on the TORMES River (Peninsula War).

24 W —1810.—1st Bn. engaged at the combat of THE COA; casualties 12 officers and 66 other ranks (Peninsula War).

25 Th—

26 F —

27 S —1809.—The Light Brigade, under Craufurd, reached Naval Moral, 50 miles from Talavera, at sunset.

28 S —1809.—BATTLE OF TALAVERA. The Light Brigade started at dawn on its famous forced march to Talavera.

29 M —1809.—The Light Brigade reached Talavera, having marched 62 miles in 26 hours. 1920.—1st Bn. at Baghdad (Arab Rebellion).

30 Tu—1809.—2nd Bn. left England for the Walcheren Expedition, being brigaded with the 43rd and 52nd Regiments. 1915.—7th, 8th and 9th Bns. heavily engaged near HOOGE in German attack with liquid fire. V.C. awarded posthumously to Lieut. S. C. Woodroffe for gallantry on this occasion. 13th Bn. disembarked at Havre.

31 W —1917.—The Battles of Ypres began (lasted till 10 Nov.). 2nd, 3rd and 16th Bns. engaged in BATTLE OF PILKEM RIDGE. 2nd Bn. in attack on WESTHOEK RIDGE; casualties: 16 officers and 300 other ranks. 3rd Bn. in attack on PASSCHENDAELE; casualties: 7 officers and 227 other ranks. 16th Bn. in attack on the STEENBECK. 1924.—Battle honours (44) for Great War authorised, including Macedonia, 1915-18.

AUGUST.

- 1 Th**—1813.—1st and 3rd Bns. engaged at Bridge of JANCY (Peninsula War)
- 2 F** —1868.—Field-Marshal Sir E. Blakeney, Colonel-in-Chief, died.
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- 9 F** —1918.—1st Bn. engaged in German withdrawal on HINGES front (lasted till 21st); casualties: 7 officers and 94 other ranks.
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- 18 S** —1916.—**The Battles of the Somme.** 3rd and 7th Bns. engaged in BATTLE OF DELVILLE WOOD. 3rd Bn.'s casualties (18th–21st): 15 officers and 266 other ranks. 7th Bn.'s casualties: 6 officers and 264 other ranks.

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30 F —1914.—9th Bn. ordered to be formed.

31 S —1809.—General Sir D. Dundas, Commander-in-Chief, appointed Colonel-in-Chief. 1813.—**STORMING OF SAN SEBASTIAN**. 50 volunteers from all 3 Bns. engaged; casualties: 2 officers and 24 other ranks. 2nd Bn. engaged at **DEFENCE OF THE BRIDGE OF VERA**; casualties: 5 officers and 71 other ranks.

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SEPTEMBER.

- 1 S** —1882.—Honour **South Africa, 1851-2-3** conferred on Regiment. 1910.—Honour **Pyrenees** conferred on the Regiment for service in 1814. 1916.—**The Battles of the Somme.** 3rd Bn. engaged in Battle of DELVILLE WOOD; casualties: 5 officers and 206 other ranks. 1924.—The WINNIPEG Rifles allied to the Regiment.
- 2 M** —1898.—2nd Bn. engaged at Battle of **Khartoum.** 1918.—**The 2nd Battles of Arras.** 1st Bn. engaged in the Battle of THE DROCOURT-QUEANT LINE; casualties: 7 officers and over 200 other ranks.
- 3 Tu**—1916.—**The Battles of the Somme.** 10th and 11th Bns. engaged in BATTLE OF GUILLEMONT. 16th Bn. engaged in attack N. of River ANCRE; casualties: 16 officers and 446 other ranks (BATTLE OF POZIERES RIDGE).
- 4 W** —
- 5 Th**—1839.—Brunswick Rifle issued to Regiment in place of Baker Rifle.
- 6 F** —1914.—BATTLE OF THE MARNE. 1st Bn. took part in commencement of advance to the AISNE.
- 7 S** —1854.—1st Bn. landed at Varna.
- 8 S** —1855.—Final attack on **Sevastopol.** 2nd Bn. engaged in attack on THE REDAN; casualties: 10 officers and 160 other ranks. 1923.—2nd Bn. arrived at SOUTHAMPTON from CHANAK.
- 9 M** —
- 10 Tu**—
- 11 W** —
- 12 Th**—1914.—3rd Bn. disembarked at St. Nazaire. 1918.—**The Battles of the Hindenburg Line.** 13th Bn. engaged in attack on TRESCAULT SPUR (BATTLE OF HAVRINCOURT); casualties (11th-14th): 4 officers and 136 other ranks.
- 13 F** —1914.—BATTLE OF THE AISNE. 1st Bn. the first British Infantry unit to cross the River AISNE.
- 14 S** —1809.—2nd Bn. returned from Walcheren Expedition, having lost over 300 men from fever in 6 weeks and lost 133 more from effects of the expedition after disembarkation.

SEPTEMBER.

- 15 S** —1916.—**The Battles of the Somme.** 7th, 8th and 9th Bns. engaged at BATTLE OF FLERS-COURCELETTE (lasted till 22nd). Three Bns. of the Regiment attacked one behind the other for the first time since the action of TARBES in 1814.
- 16 M** —1810.—Retreat on TORRES VEDRAS commenced ; Light Division left as Rearguard at CELORICO.
- 17 Tu**—1857.—First man attested for the 4th Bn.
- 18 W** —1814.—3rd Bn., 5 Cos., embarked at Plymouth for New Orleans Expedition.
- 19 Th**—
- 20 F** —1854.—1st and 2nd Bns. engaged at Battle of the **Alma**. 2nd Bn. covered the advance ; casualties : 1 officer and 49 other ranks. 1914.—10th and 11th Bns. ordered to be formed. 1917.—**The Battles of Ypres.** 16th Bn. engaged in attack near BULGAR WOOD (BATTLE OF THE MENIN ROAD RIDGE). **V.C.** awarded to Sergeant Burman for gallantry on this occasion.
- 21 S** —1914.—12th Bn. ordered to be formed.
- 22 S** —1852.—Field-Marshal The Duke of Wellington, Colonel-in-Chief, died.
- 23 M** —1852.—Field-Marshal H.R.H. The Prince Consort appointed Colonel-in-Chief, vice The Duke of Wellington.
- 24 Tu**—1854.—2nd Bn. covered the advance to the Belbeck.
- 25 W** —1855.—1st and 2nd Bns. engaged at MACKENZIE'S FARM (Crimea). 1915.—2nd, 9th and 12th Bns. engaged in subsidiary actions connected with the BATTLE OF LOOS ; casualties : 2nd Bn., 9 officers and 242 other ranks (Action of BOIS GRENIER) ; 9th Bn., 6 officers and about 250 other ranks (2nd attack on BELLEWAARDE) ; 12th Bn., 7 officers and 322 other ranks (Action of PIETRE).
- 26 Th**—
- 27 F** —1810.—1st Bn. engaged at Battle of **Busaco**. 1922.—2nd Bn. embarked at Southampton for Constantinople (Chanak).
- 28 S** —
- 29 S** —
- 30 M** —1876.—Major H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn promoted Lieut.-Colonel to command 1st Bn., to date 27 September.

OCTOBER.

1 Tu—

2 W —1899.—2nd Bn. left Crete for South African War.

3 Th—1810.—Retreat on TORRES VEDRAS. Light Division formed Rear-guard at POMBAL.

4 F —1917.—**The Battles of Ypres.** 1st Bn. engaged in attack near POELCAPPELLE (BATTLE OF BROODSEINDE); casualties: 6 officers and 107 other ranks.

5 S —

6 S —

7 M —1813.—All 3 Bns. engaged at the forcing of the Pass of VERA; casualties: 9 officers and 192 other ranks (Peninsula War). 1916.—**The Battles of the Somme.** 12th Bn. engaged in attack near MONTAUBAN; casualties: 8 officers and 226 other ranks.

8 Tu—

9 W —

10 Th—1810.—1st Bn. engaged at ALEMQUER (Peninsula War).

11 F —1918.—3rd Bn. engaged in attack on ST. AUBERT (CAMBRAI-VALENCIENNES Area); casualties: 9 officers and 179 other ranks.

12 S —1854.—**V.C.** awarded to Rifleman Wheatley for gallantry in trenches before SEVASTOPOL. 1917.—**The Battles of Ypres.** 1st Bn. engaged in fighting round POELCAPPELLE (FIRST BATTLE OF PASSCHENDAELE); casualties: 3 officers and 156 other ranks.

13 S —1914.—BATTLE OF ARMENTIERES. 3rd Bn. engaged in attack on BAILLEUL RIDGE. 1919.—1st Bn. arrived at Basrah, Mesopotamia.

14 M —1810.—1st Bn. engaged at SOBRAL (Lines of TORRES VEDRAS).

15 Tu—

16 W —1922.—2nd Bn. arrived at CHANAK.

OCTOBER.

17 Th—

18 F —1914.—Battle of ARMENTIERES. 3rd Bn. engaged in attack on PERENCHIES. 1916.—**The Battles of the Somme.** 1st Bn. engaged in attack on LE TRANSLOY in conjunction with French (BATTLE OF LE TRANSLOY RIDGES); casualties: 8 officers and 250 other ranks.

19 S —1847.—Surrender of Chief Sandilli to 1st Bn. End of 1st Kaffir War.

20 S —

21 M —

22 Tu—

23 W —1916.—**The Battles of the Somme.** 1st and 2nd Bns. engaged in attack near LE TRANSLOY; casualties: 1st Bn., 5 officers and 117 other ranks; 2nd Bn., 8 officers and 300 other ranks. 1918.—BATTLE OF THE SELLE. 13th Bn. engaged in attack near BRIASTRE (CAMBRAI-SOLESMES Area).

24 Th—1874.—Martini-Henry Rifle issued to 2nd Bn. 1918.—Battle of the SELLE. 1st Bn. engaged at crossing of River ECAILLON, near HASPRES (VALENCIENNES Area); casualties (since 20th): 6 officers and 122 other ranks.

25 F —1854.—Battle of BALACLAVA. 1st Bn. slightly engaged.

26 S —1808.—5 Cos. 1st Bn. and 4 Cos. 2nd Bn. disembarked at Corunna.

27 S —

28 M —1899.—1st Bn. left England for South African War.

29 Tu—1902.—1st Bn. landed in England from South African War.

30 W —1818.—2nd Bn. left France after 3½ years with the Army of Occupation. 1899.—2nd Bn. arrived at LADYSMITH and engaged at LOMBARD'S KOP.

31 Th—1812.—Madrid evacuated. 1st and 2nd Bns. withdrew to SALAMANCA. 1914.—13th, 14th (R.) and 15th Bns. ordered to be formed.

NOVEMBER.

- 1 F** —1876.—Honour **Ashantee** conferred on Regiment for expedition of 1873-4. 1881.—Honours **South Africa 1846-7** conferred on the Regiment. 1899.—Siege of **LADYSMITH** began. 2nd Bn. formed part of garrison. 1918.—Battle of **VALENCIENNES**. 1st Bn. engaged near **PRESEAU** at crossing of River Rhonelle; casualties: 6 officers and 264 other ranks. 1928.—The Ceylon Planters' Rifle Corps allied to the Regiment.
- 2 S** —1916.—2nd Bn. inspected on service by H.R.H. The Colonel-in-Chief.
- 3 S** —
- 4 M** —1857.—4 Cos. 2nd Bn. landed at Calcutta, being the first time the Regiment served in India.
- 5 Tu**—Battle of **Inkerman**, 1855. 1st and 2nd Bns. engaged; casualties: 6 officers and 88 other ranks.
- 6 W** —
- 7 Th**—1914.—2nd Bn. disembarked at Havre.
- 8 F** —
- 9 S** —1899.—2 Cos. 2nd Bn. engaged at **OBSERVATION HILL, LADYSMITH**.
- 10 S** —1813.—Battle of the **Nivelle**. All 3 Bns. engaged; casualties: 11 officers and 87 other ranks.
- 11 M** —1918.—Armistice. Great War.
- 12 Tu**—
- 13 W** —
- 14 Th**—
- 15 F** —
- 16 S** —

NOVEMBER.

- 17 S** —1917.—2nd Bn. during 2 days in trenches near PASSCHENDAELE lost 3 officers and 142 other ranks.
- 18 M** —1915.—4th Bn. left France for Salonika.
- 19 Tu**—
- 20 W** —1854.—1st Bn. engaged at the Rifle Pits, SEVASTOPOL; casualties: 1 officer and 26 other ranks. **V.C.** awarded to Lieuts. Bouchier and Cunningham and French Medal to Colour-Sergeant Hicks, for gallantry on this occasion. 1917.—**Battle of Cambrai** (lasted till 3 December). 10th Bn. attacked RUE DES VIGNES; casualties during period: 15 officers and 396 other ranks. 11th Bn. captured LES RUES VERTES; casualties during period: 3 officers and 124 other ranks.
- 21 Th**—1878.—4th Bn. engaged at Capture of **Ali Musjid**. 1899.—Honour **Burma** conferred on Regiment (for service 1885–7).
- 22 F** —
- 23 S** —1915.—**V.C.** awarded to Corporal Drake (8th Bn.) for gallantry on patrol work on this date.
- 24 S** —
- 25 M** —1899.—1st Bn. landed at Durban (S. African War). 1915.—4th Bn. landed at Salonika from France.
- 26 Tu**—1858.—2nd Bn. engaged at HYDERGURH (Indian Mutiny).
- 27 W** —1857.—3 Cos. 2nd Bn. and 1 Co. 3rd Bn. engaged at CAWNPORE, having marched 48½ miles from Futtehpoore in 26 hours.
- 28 Th**—1857.—6 Cos. 2nd Bn. and 1 Co. 3rd Bn. engaged in action at CAWNPORE.
- 29 F** —
- 30 S** — 1917.—10th, 11th and 12th Bns. engaged in German counter-attack at CAMBRAI.

DECEMBER.

- 1 S** —1925.—MELBOURNE University Rifles allied to the Regiment.
- 2 M** —1917.—2nd Bn. engaged in attack N.E. of PASSCHENDAELE (YPRES Area); casualties: 10 officers and 114 other ranks.
- 3 Tu**—
- 4 W** —1877.—4th Bn. engaged at SHERGASHA RIDGE, Jowaki Expedition (N.W. Frontier).
- 5 Th**—1861.—5-grooved Naval Enfield rifle issued to 1st Bn.
- 6 F** —1857.—2nd and 3rd Bns. engaged at final battle of CAWNPORE; casualties: 1 officer and 20 other ranks. 1904.—Honours: **South Africa, 1899-1902. Defence of Ladysmith and Relief of Ladysmith** awarded.
- 7 S** —1896.—2nd Bn. detachment of 1 officer and 25 other ranks embarked for Ashantee with "Special Service Corps."
- 8 S** —
- 9 M** —1813.—All 3 Bns. engaged at the passage of the NIVE.
- 10 Tu**—1813.—Battle of the **Nive**. All 3 Bns. engaged; casualties: 1 officer and 84 other ranks.
- 11 W** —1899.—2nd Bn. engaged in night sortie from LADYSMITH. Boer gun captured and destroyed; casualties: 4 officers and 52 other ranks.
- 12 Th**—
- 13 F** —1888.—4th Bn. detachment joined Karen Expedition (Burma).
- 14 S** —1861.—Field-Marshal H.R.H. The Prince Consort, Colonel-in-Chief, died.
- 15 S** —1861.—Field-Marshal Lord Seaton appointed Colonel-in-Chief, vice H.R.H. The Prince Consort. 1899.—1st Bn. engaged at **BATTLE OF COLENZO**. **V.C.** awarded to Captain W. N. Congreve for gallantry on this occasion.
- 16 M** —1901.—4th Bn. embarked at Queenstown for South African War.

DECEMBER.

17 Tu—

18 W —

19 Th—1914.—1st Bn. engaged in attack on German position in PLOEG-STEERT WOOD; casualties: 6 officers and 65 other ranks.

20 F —1808.—5 Cos. 1st Bn. and 4 Cos. 2nd Bn., which had landed at Corunna on 26 Oct., joined the 5 Cos. 1st Bn. and 4 Cos. 2nd Bn. at Sahagun.

21 S —1811.—1 Co. 2nd Bn. at Sortie from Tarifa.

22 S —1914.—4th Bn. disembarked at HAVRE.

23 M —

24 Tu—

25 W —1808.—Retreat to CORUNNA began. 1st Bn. on flank guard with Sir John Moore. 2nd Bn. on rearguard with Sir R. Craufurd. 1818.—3rd Bn. disbanded.

26 Th—1808.—2nd Bn. engaged at CASTRO PIPA (Peninsula War). 1858.—2nd Bn. engaged at CHURDAH (Indian Mutiny), captured 5 guns. 1900.—1st Bn. engaged near GREYLINGSTAD (S. Africa).

27 F —1858.—2nd Bn. engaged at capture of FORT MEDJIDIA (Indian Mutiny).

28 S —1808.—1st Bn. engaged at BENEVENTE (Retreat to Corunna). 1814.—3rd Bn. engaged before NEW ORLEANS (New Orleans Expedition).

29 S —1857.—2nd Bn. engaged at capture of FORT ETRWAH (Indian Mutiny).

30 M —

31 Tu—1846.—1st Bn. engaged on KEI RIVER (S. Africa). 1858.—2nd Bn. engaged on RAPTEE RIVER (Indian Mutiny). 1877.—4th Bn. engaged at forcing of BORI PASS (Jowaki Expedition, N.W. Frontier).

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

1ST BATTALION.

JULLUNDUR,
31 December 1928.

DEAR EDITOR,—

As had been foreseen at the close of our letter to you last year, our days in the Pass at Landi Kotal were numbered. Before packing up and giving place to the York and Lancaster Regiment, the Battalion underwent a strenuous and most interesting period of training. Every stone on every hilltop became familiar to all ranks. Each man knew the time it took him to clamber up or scramble down a hill of any size. The numberless precautions which must accompany any movement in the mountains had been thoroughly tested out, in fact, the Battalion moved to the plains as fit and efficient as any unit in the British Army.

To one who did not experience the year spent at Landi Kotal, but who saw the Battalion soon after it was installed in the plains, an impression something of this sort was gained. In spite of uncomfortable quarters, barren surroundings and few amusements, in spite of living in a fortified camp surrounded by barbed wire, the Battalion gave evidence of having benefited enormously from its experience. All were fit and obviously pleased with the work that had been done. Much enthusiasm was shown over the manner in which Colonel Wilson had put the Battalion through its paces in every phase of mountain warfare.

Before the move took place a draft of one hundred and three other ranks, under the command of Wilbraham, joined the Battalion, and a few weeks later Garmoyle arrived from the 2nd Battalion. In February MacGeorge and Hubble went on privilege leave to England, the latter taking passage in a tramp-ship, which though it takes its time to reach England, according to Hubble has many advantages and he recommends it to anyone who is in no hurry and who is partial to a peaceful life at sea.

On 9 March the Battalion arrived at Jullundur in two special trains, and, as is usually the case, it took some time to settle and find one's bearings. In fact, almost before the possibilities of the place could be explored, the hot weather was upon us, accompanied by a move to Dalhousie, the hill station, by a part of the battalion, and the finding of a detachment at Amritsar. Nevertheless, some of the more enterprising spirits found the opportunity to lay plans and reconnoitre areas for shooting expeditions in the neighbourhood, for next cold weather, while others set about collecting ponies and practising polo on the very hard station ground.

A further draft of sixty-six other ranks arrived from the 2nd Battalion on 1 April, accompanied by Massy-Beresford and Tryon. On the same day Renton joined, having travelled across Europe and through Syria and Palestine, thence by ship from Port Said. Massy-Beresford came to us direct from the Staff College and with the latest ideas on mechanization and movement of armoured forces. To his dismay he found the only forms of transport in this country are camels and bullock carts, whereupon he locked away his notes and set about learning how to use friend

bullock and camel, and owing to this wise course, he soon became a normal member of the family.

This period when the whole battalion was in Julundur was short and growing hourly hotter, yet it witnessed several activities and many changes.

Musketry began almost at once and all companies carried through their annual classification on ranges which were a distinct improvement on those suffered at Landi Kotal. A well-attended rifle meeting followed, most of the practices being on the inter-Company lines ; " B " Company swept the board by a large number of points. We were all grateful to Holroyd for the variety of practices he arranged and for the general management of the meeting.

While on the subject of musketry, let us mention our success in this year's A.R.A. non-central matches. The results came through at the end of May and we were more than gratified to read that our teams had won both the Queen Victoria Trophy and the King George Cup. As the 2nd Battalion at home had won these two same events in the Home Series, it appeared that some sort of acknowledgment should be made, and the Colonel promptly declared a much-appreciated holiday.

No. 15 Platoon of " I " Company tied with the Seaforths for the Roupell Cup in points, but were awarded second place as their score in the more important practice was the lower one.

April witnessed such a kaleidoscopic series of comings and goings among the officers that to a new-comer it was almost impossible to learn names or even recognize faces before the owners had vanished. To begin with, Plunkett, aspiring to a commission in the 19th Cavalry, was attached to us for a year. Baird went

away as a temporary G.S.O.3 at Northern Command, McGaw, Tothill, and Michell set sail for leave at home, followed by Hunt, who also took a bit before a further period on Sir Archie Montgomery's personal staff at Salisbury. As if this were not a sufficiently confusing set of changes we saw Turner go for a holiday in India, and on the same day Cave was to be seen no more, having set off on a shooting expedition in the Central Provinces, to be followed by a visit home. Lastly Follett had to go home on sick leave just before we moved to the hills and Eastwood went to Kashmir for a couple of months as a last cocktail before taking up his duties as teacher at the Staff College, Camberley. This should be enough to convince you that "New-comer" was not being an ass when he confessed, later in the summer, that he just didn't know half the officers in the Battalion by sight.

While still in Jullundur we received with a grief that cannot be expressed in words, the tragic news of Guthrie's death following a fall in a Point-to-Point. We were all greatly distressed, but more especially those of us who had known him well, had served with him and had followed hounds with him. There was little to console us in this sad news, we can only grieve for a thorough sportsman taken from our midst and offer our sincere sympathy to his wife and family.

In the first week of May, when days seemed no hotter than those still nights, came the upheaval and the splitting into detachments that will be an annual feature of our lives now that we no longer live in the Khyber Pass. This year, of course, the difficulties seemed exaggerated, partly because we were new to this part of the world and had hardly had time to

unpack from the last move, but mainly on account of the need to provide a detachment of one company at Amritsar for the hot weather.

This detachment, "B" Company, under Graham, with Renton and Wilbraham, was the first to leave Jullundur, on 1 May. Very favourable reports came in from them. They found plenty to do, a regular feature of their evenings being bathing parties in a broad canal some few miles distant. They also found the civil dignitaries most friendly and helpful.

A few days later "C" Company, followed at one-day intervals by "I" Company and Head-quarters, started for Dalhousie, training to Pathankot, the rail-head, and moving thence by road in five stages, each of a day's march. "A" Company remained in Jullundur until the change over in July.

As a rule, the less said about life in a Hill Station the better. At best there is one football ground to be shared by all troops in the garrison, perhaps one hotel boasting of a ball-room, some tennis, and that is about all. Our experience was such this year, but thank Heaven, we were able to improve slightly on this unattractive programme. For one thing there was a small polo ground not far off of which the fullest use was made by such sportsmen as Stephens, Tryon, Mac-George and Plunkett, not forgetting Coghill, who played as regularly as the rest but in a slightly more sedate fashion.

Then there were those who sought big game in the neighbourhood. Wilbraham, between his duties as Orderly Officer, one evening claimed a panther. It couldn't be found at first, but the day following a shikari traced it and brought it in, rather wet, but the skin unspoilt. Those having no charity state that the

poor thing was drowned, but there are always unkind people like that.

During August and September, Holroyd and Garmoyle booked two blocks in Chamba State, about twelve marches from Dalhousie. They were away for five or six weeks and on their return they reported that despite the loneliness of their existence they thoroughly enjoyed every moment of their trip. Garmoyle succeeded in getting his Red Bear, the main object of the expedition, but Holroyd was not so lucky. He got a shot at one of almost unheard-of proportions, but having missed it at every range he discovered that his rifle was completely out of adjustment. He had had a fall while stalking his quarry and this must have upset his sights. Bad luck, after so many weeks of patient hunting, especially as it was his only chance.

A word here about the wives in the Battalion. The summer months are rather dreaded by the families, partly because of lack of amusements and cramped quarters, but chiefly because they are separated from their husbands for half the season. This year the majority of them formed an Arts and Crafts Guild in May and set themselves the ambitious task of sewing and knitting and making a sufficient number of articles to hold a Sale of Work on the Regimental Birthday. As week followed week not only was the original enthusiasm maintained, but it increased and no words can describe the ant-like industry displayed. Their efforts were justly rewarded on the appointed day by a most successful sale. They found purchasers for almost the whole of their stock and realized sufficient clear profit to buy a gramophone for the school, books for the women's library, other oddments needed in Jullundur, not forgetting a donation to the Riflemen's Aid Society.

Perhaps they will be encouraged to do the same sort of thing next year. More powers to them if they do !

Owing to the unusually hot and dry season Dalhousie had a number of most troublesome forest fires, difficult to get under control and exceedingly disturbing to the peace of the troops. One fire in particular, which broke out on 1 June, deserves mention as it threatened to destroy a large part of the station. It began somewhere below the bazaar, where the Hampshire Regiment was called out to deal with it. The following evening we were called upon to relieve the Hampshires, by which time it had crept along the hillside to a point just below one of the most thickly populated parts of the station. "C" and "I" Companies in turn fought the flames throughout the night ; with great difficulty and a certain amount of luck they managed to keep it from jumping the main roadway which encircles the hill about two hundred feet from the summit. The crisis came on the morning of the 3rd when "C" Company were on duty, but off their guard as the fire appeared to have died down. Without warning, a column of flames ran up the broad re-entrant, crossed the road, thereby separating the two halves of the Company, and flamed up to the top of the hill, causing the greatest possible consternation. The General, seeing the flames and smoke rising above the tops of the highest trees, ordered out the whole garrison. Several bungalows had to be evacuated, but by the greatest luck the belt of fire narrowed as it went up the hill and the troops, ably led by Tryon and Stephens who were at the top of their form, succeeded in controlling it at the narrowest point, thereby preventing any further spread. We watched over the smouldering remains for another day and by so doing

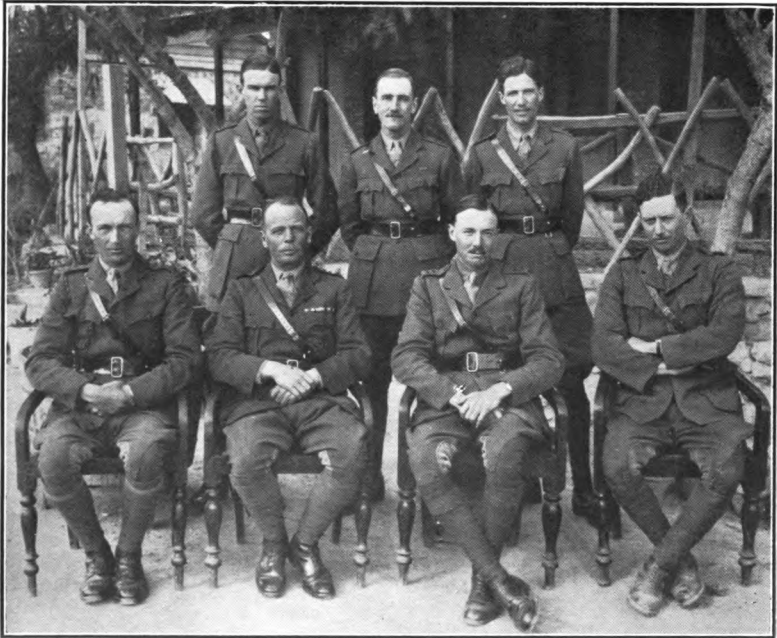
were excused the parade for the King's Birthday. A *feu-de-forêt* took the place of a *feu-de-joie* this year. Actually little damage to property resulted, but for a time it looked as though nothing could save several bungalows and one part of the hotel. A heavy thunderstorm came along shortly after this, whereupon khud fires ceased, much to our relief.

The monsoon was largely a failure this year, but it so happened that the Regimental Birthday was the very first day when there was a steady and continuous downpour at Dalhousie, while Jullundur and Amritsar experienced on this day the severest and only wetting of the season. In spite of this piece of typical bad luck, all detachments succeeded in carrying through part of their programmes and in enjoying themselves.

At Dalhousie the morning events had to be abandoned. We had engaged a large hall for the day and in the afternoon the whole station seemed to have assembled there. The usual "side-show" enthusiasts had their stalls grouped round the sides of the hall, while at one end the ladies carried on a brisk trade with their "Sale of Work." The officers were "At Home" at the other end and teas were given to the guests in the Soldiers' Home adjoining. It is quite the rule for our side-shows to create pandemonium, but this year owing to the wet outside, Bedlam or Babel would not adequately describe the noisy scene. In the evening the same hall became transformed and was the setting for a fancy-dress dance attended by anything from four to five hundred Riflemen and guests.

Thus ended a day of disappointments in weather, but none the less enjoyable as it turned out. It is a pity that the Birthday is fated to fall at the very wettest period of the monsoon in India. At Amritsar

1st BATTALION.



KING GEORGE'S CUP TEAM, 1927.

Standing : Lieut. K. B. Hicks, Lieut. V. B. Turner, Lieut. F. C. D. Tothill.

Sitting : Lieut. G. H. Hunt, Captain H. Hubble, M.C., Lieut. F. D. Richardson, Lieut. C. I. P. Holroyd.

Absent : Lieut. J. G. Newton.

and Jullundur nothing could be done until the evening, but as soon as the storms cleared away, parts of the programme and a few impromptu amusements were quickly set going.

On 3 November the Battalion became united once more on the plain outside the barracks at Amritsar. This reunion was brought about by the necessity of taking part in the Northern Command manœuvres. The manœuvre area being half-way between Rawalpindi and Lahore, and there being no form of transport allowed but the flat feet, it was decided that Amritsar should be the meeting-point for the various detachments. Accordingly we spent a couple of days there, sorting ourselves out and returning some of the hospitality offered to the detachment continuously during the summer and autumn by the civil authorities in the Station.

Our long march to the manœuvre area proved to be a very dreary affair. The deadly monotony of the Grand Trunk road without corner or hillock of any sort defies description. Daily marches averaged a dozen miles and there was really very little incident during those ten days except for one day which will "in our flowing cups long be remembered." It was as we were approaching Gujranwala village that a soft rain began to fall. During the pitching of the camp it increased in volume and by the dinner hour the entire camp lay under six inches of water. No amount of trench digging, bund building or baling would reduce that lake, for the land on either side drained into the camp site, and as the rain looked like never stopping it was decided just before nightfall to desert the pond and make for the shelter of a large school which providentially stood quite close to the camping-ground.

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The following day broke fine and clear and after rescuing our sodden and half-drowned equipment we continued on the march, little the worse but right glad to see the last of Gujranwala.

The standing camp at Gujrat was finally reached on 16 November and from there we carried through a few days' strenuous battalion training, followed by a very short period of brigade training over ground so deadly flat and featureless that the greatest difficulty was experienced in bringing out even the most elementary lessons of war.

It seems that England is not unique in its ill luck over manœuvre weather. November had been chosen as the most certain month in the year for a fine spell, but sure enough, two days before the opening shot was due to be fired, the entire area was visited by twenty-four hours' unceasing downpour, and anyone who has lived in this country can picture the mess caused by rain of this description. The dirt roads over which the supplies were to be carried—at best only fit for light carts or camels—became quagmires, the *nalas* came down in spate and the fields were turned into bogs. It certainly looked quite hopeless, but by postponing the outbreak of war for forty-eight hours and curtailing the scope of the operations it was just possible to carry out a modified programme which brought out many useful and unexpected lessons.

During the war itself the Battalion formed part of *Blueland*, the weaker side, doomed to take a defensive rôle. This does not imply that it had an easy time, for the mere provision of supplies proved a most arduous and soul-destroying task, carts having to be man-handled through *nalas* deep in water and mud,

while one or two memorable marches were undertaken over almost impassable tracks.

The preparation and organization of a position for defence with real trenches and false wire entanglements, duly assaulted on the last morning, marked the finale of a memorable month in the field.

The Battalion then returned to Jullundur by train in time to make preparations for a really jolly Christmas. No one will deny that an enormous amount of knowledge has been gained since leaving Amritsar, but by far the greater part of this knowledge concerns the overcoming of our enemy "Mud" and the administrative measures that are required to carry on the normal life of a battalion when the whole world appears to be a slippery sea of slime.

While we were away, Moore Gwyn stepped into the place left vacant by Follett and we were sorry that there was no one about to welcome him and his family to India. Whitaker, too, came out from Colchester, followed by McGaw returning from leave. Thus the Christmas season sees us again well supplied with officers, while the ranks have been filled up with a draft which arrived late in October.

The health of the Battalion is extremely good and we look forward to 1929 with all confidence.

Wishing all Riflemen the best of luck in the New Year.

Yours ever,

1ST BN. R.B.

SERGEANTS' LETTER.

1ST BATTALION.

JULLUNDUR,
31 December 1928.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

At least two CHRONICLES have been published without any news from the Sergeants' Mess 1st Battalion, for, as will be seen from the Battalion Letter, we have been split up so much as to render a decent account of our activities impossible.

We will start with the move from Landi Kotal. Few of us, if any, cherish any memories of that barbarous station, for such it was, but it had its effect in making the Battalion as hard as nails and most of us fancied our chance in the next Everest expedition.

The advantage of Landi Kotal, as far as the Mess was concerned, was the fact that the whole of the Mess was together, except for the usual week-end trippers to Cherat (Cherat, of course, being the hill station for the married families); there were so many of us, in fact, that the Mess had to be enlarged, even then there was none too much room.

We gave a farewell show some time before we left and were agreeably surprised at the way in which we were supported. I think that it was at times like these that one did, if ever, as I said before, feel a pang of regret at moving.

The last couple of days were a positive nightmare; we sat on a stone floor for our meals with not even a

picture on the walls to brighten the gloomy vista, only the bar retained its normal aspect—that always helps a lot, of course.

After what seemed years of waiting we entrained and gave the Khyber a long last farewell look, leaving the York and Lancaster Regiment to look after it for us. We left one of our number at Peshawar, Sergt. Post, for he had the misfortune to develop tuberculosis whilst on the khuds. He was posted home on 5 April and so we lost one of the best of our number. All who knew him will remember him as a blithe and gay spirit who had his heart in the Mess, and we are sure that he disliked the idea of leaving us as we did losing him.

We arrived at Jullundur on 10 March to find the Mess all rigged up and large enough to entertain half the Punjab ; actually we did try, but more of that anon.

The hot weather then began to creep upon us. Battalion H.Q., with “C” and “I” Companies, moved up to Dalhousie, the married families having gone up some time before, “B” Company having left a little earlier for detachment duty at Amritsar, leaving “A” Company and the M.G. Platoon to withstand the rigours of another Indian summer on the plains. They (the hill party) held high jinks at Dalhousie, what with functions and forest fires.

Hardly had the party left Jullundur when terrific sand storms occurred every evening with unfailing regularity and, as the barracks were not sand-proof, we had a fairly sticky existence ; those hardy spirits who frequented the tennis courts employed the mali as a weather expert and at his warning (who dare dispute it) down came the purdahs ; one had to be quite nippy.

The midsummer relief came just in time to save our lives, and off we trotted to the hills, being relieved by "I" Company, "B" at Amritsar being relieved by "C."

The second half at Dalhousie had a fairly successful season, excepting for the latter part when it rained practically every day, and night too for that matter.

However, all things, good and bad, come to an end, and eventually, having supplied ourselves with plenty of socks and dubbin, we waved our farewells to Dalhousie and commenced our trek to Amritsar, there to join up with the remainder of the Battalion for the march to the manœuvre area. Arriving at Amritsar, we were agreeably surprised to find quite an elaborate Mess prepared, and a lorry standing by to carry the Mess (not the Members) from place to place. We had every reason to thank the R.S.M. for his foresight in the matter, as it proved a real blessing. Before leaving Amritsar we were regaled with a farewell dinner, provided by Sirdar Mukhan Singh, as a mark of esteem to the Sergeants' Mess in general.

The following morning the Battalion moved off for the first day's march. The appearance on this morning of a veritable cyclist corps (Camp Colour party, C.Q.M.S.'s, etc.) gave a liberal scope for much cheap wit, and remarks about "poor old feet," etc. However, this party eventually justified its existence and, I am told, pleased the Brigade Commander, who took the salute as they rode by. The remarks of the cycle agent, when the bikes were returned in varying conditions, are not really fit for publication.

Well, having marched and swum our way through manœuvres (knee-deep in mud), and hauling our own transport (vide *Civil and Military Gazette*), we returned

to Jullundur to face the Christmas festivities and the usual round of dances, whist drives, etc., which go to make up the social life of a military station in India during the cold season.

We opened the ball (literally) by holding a fancy-dress dance, which was attended by the whole station (and his wife), and which proved such a success that we are going to insist on holding a few more in the near future. As a president of entertainments C.S.M. Farrow absolutely proved himself by this show, and as his able assistant and voluntary worker Sergt. James also shone. Christmas Day came and went very quietly. The usual football match, Officers *v.* Sergeants, fell through owing to the fact that so many Officers preferred Lahore to Jullundur during the holidays, that they were unable to produce a team.

A new game was therefore introduced, to wit bicycle polo, which only required four a side, and which incidentally provided rather more amusement for the spectators. Unfortunately for us, the Officers knew a lot more about it than the Sergeants, and the game went in their favour all through. The Colonel kindly volunteered to umpire. It was rumoured that he was umpiring on horseback and a large crowd foregathered to see him dexterously steering his steed among the bicyclists, but although he bestrode his charger, it was on the touch-line and not on the line of play.

Whilst on the subject of sport we can safely say that in the field of sport our Mess is certainly waking up, and since returning from manœuvres the R.S.M. has set the lead in turning out in tennis, and he is certainly getting very warm; we only hope that he will not be selected for the championships at Wimbledon next year. We recently challenged the Officers to

a tennis and billiards tournament, and although we won at both I am inclined to think that the Entertainment Committee knew something when they sent out the invitation as the majority of the Officers were away at the time. Still, we must win sometimes, and I think the only way to do it is to catch the Officers on the left leg, as it were.

Although we have a lot of enthusiasts at bicycle polo I am afraid that more than enthusiasm is required judging by the results when we have played the Officers, as previously mentioned, and also to judge by Battalion Orders on the subject.

And now remembering a speech that was made at the Christmas Dinner, "Stand up, Speak up, then Shut up," we will do the latter.

Best wishes to all old Riflemen,

SERGEANTS 1ST BN. R.B.

CORPORALS' LETTER.

1ST BATTALION.

JULLUNDUR,
31 December 1928.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—

Since our last letter was sent to you the Corporals' Room has seen many changes. Our arrival at Jullundur marked the birth of a very fine club for the Junior N.C.O.'s, and now I think it can be safely said that we are the proud possessors of one of the finest Corporals' Rooms in India. All thanks for this are due to the untiring efforts of our worthy president, R.S.M. W. Driscoll, D.C.M.

Quite a number of our old members have left us, some for home and some for the Sergeants' Mess. Several new members have joined us from home and not a few from our own Battalion.

During the hot season of this year we have had no fewer than three Corporals' Rooms to find entertainment for. One at Jullundur, one at Amritsar and another at Dalhousie. Many pleasant evenings were inaugurated, and on the whole we are thoroughly enjoying our respite from Frontier duties.

A dance was held at Jullundur soon after our arrival and all Jullundur turned out. This again was a very happy and enjoyable evening.

Sports of all kinds are being indulged in with various results. Two tennis courts have been put in

good repair and many members are now playing, deriving entire satisfaction from this pastime.

Training and manœuvres are now far behind us. Manœuvres gave some of us our first idea of what modern war is like. Even so, we stalwarts of Lilliput managed to make the best of hard times reminiscent of the mud flats of Flanders. Nevertheless, we all look back and say that we had a good time.

Christmas is now over and was celebrated by us giving a Social, to which we invited the Junior N.C.O.s of the R.A. Much hidden talent was discovered that night.

As a conclusion to the past year's train of events, we are all anxiously waiting for the result of the Young Soldiers' shoot, and looking forward to various other competition shoots, and hope we do as well as the Home Battalion did in the Colchester Garrison.

CORPORALS 1ST BN. R.B.

2ND BATTALION

HYDERABAD BARRACKS,
COLCHESTER,
31 December 1928.

DEAR EDITOR,

We have again been lucky in carrying through the year's programme of work and play at Colchester without interruption, and we have had a particularly good year both in weather and achievement. From the time that company training started in April right up to the end of the Divisional Exercise the Battalion never met with a soaking on any one of its lawful occasions. We hold for the second year in succession the Queen Victoria Trophy and the King George Cup. At Bisley Sergeants Butler and Beebe won the Worcestershire Cup. We also hold the Machine Gun and the Young Soldiers' Championship of the Eastern Command.

The figure of merit in the varied weapon courses reached the strange figure of zero; this we are told is the highest qualification which can be reached.

Turning now to the less important but perhaps more interesting events of our daily life, the open weather of the early part of the year saw the majority of us out with either the East Essex or Essex and Suffolk Hounds. Though scent was moderate and foxes sometimes scarce, our chargers, fifteen bobbars and private hunters, had their full share of work. The East Essex huntsman, Tongue, did his very best

for us, and we all regret his departure for the Belvoir country, where we wish him every success. Pat Curtis and Dick Poole, after many long journeys to the Cottesmore country and back, deserved all the fun they had.

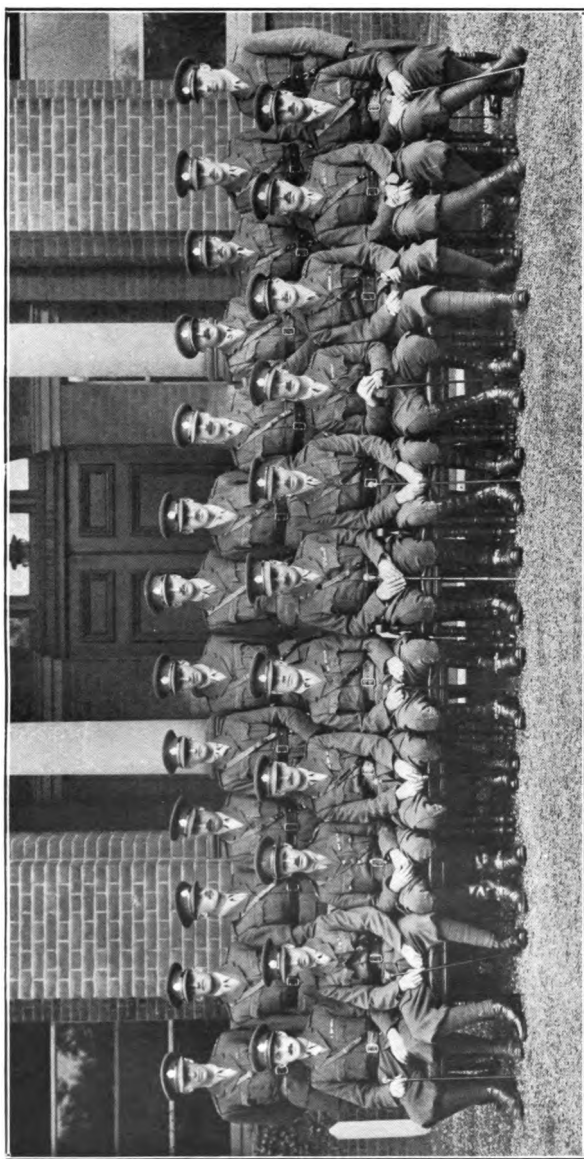
To Pinkie Hill and his workers of the East Essex hunt we owe a debt of gratitude for the excellent point-to-point course they prepared at Panfield, near Braintree; and we take this opportunity of again thanking the Master and the Hunt Committee for allowing us to share the fruit of their labour. Fine weather, good going and a large gathering of friends gave us two meetings that could not have been bettered. A detailed account is given elsewhere, but many congratulations to Pinkie on his four wins during the season.

The meeting with the 43rd this year, took place at the Essex point-to-point, where we had a runaway victory over heavy going led by George Troyte-Bullock and poor David Guthrie. Within a fortnight we heard the saddest news of David's death following an accident when riding in the New Forest point-to-point. Many of his Brother-Officers attended a Memorial Service held at the Headquarters of the 12th Battalion London Regiment, of which he was Adjutant.

During the winter the Battalion was reorganized in accordance with the new establishment, and consists of Headquarter Wing, a Machine-Gun Company and three Rifle Companies, "A," "B" and "C"; the old "D" Company being disbanded.

Prideaux-Brune, "A" Company, now exchanged duties for six months with Major Philip Harrison, 17th Field Brigade, R.A., whom some of us knew well on the polo grounds of Cawnpore. Williams came to

OFFICERS, 2nd BATTALION, 1928.



Standing : Lt. R. D. Poole, 2nd Lt. L. I. T. Whitaker, Lt. W. P. S. Curtis, Lt. D. J. Purdon, 2nd Lt. H. E. Anson, Lt. Hon. N. A. S. Lytton-Milbanke, 2nd Lt. H. T. H. Foley, Lt. E. J. C. King-Salter, Lt. G. V. Troyte-Bullock, Lt. L. M. B. Rathbone, Lt. A. C. Gore, Lt. E. N. Clarke, Lt. A. G. V. Paley.

Sitting : Lt. A. W. Allan, Capt. F. E. A. Fulford, Maj. P. F. Harrison, R.A., Maj. D. E. Prideaux-Brune, D.S.O., Maj. A. A. Tod, Lt.-Col. F. H. Burnell-Nugent, D.S.O., O.B.E., Lt. A. G. L. Hamilton-Russell, Capt. E. S. B. Williams, Capt. C. P. Warren, M.C., Lt. E. W. L. Fry, Lt. J. C. Garnett.

“ B ” Company from the Staff College and Warren joined from the 1st Battalion. Massy-Beresford, also back from Camberley, paid us a short visit before following Renton, Garmoyle and Wilbraham with drafts out to India. Foley, Whitaker and Anson joined on first appointment here. These were not the only changes, for no fewer than forty-eight officers served in the Battalion at one time or another during the year. Rogers and Buckley came back from the King’s African Rifles and Iraq Levies respectively ; Hill and Fulford went off to Headquarters 4th Division as compensation officer and G.S.O.3. Norcott was to have been Brigade Machine-Gun Officer this summer, but to every one’s regret he was taken ill. We all hope he will be seen and heard here again soon. Gwynne spent most of the summer conducting a party of Young Empire builders over Canada and appears to have had a most interesting trip. Birkbeck and Fairfax Ross have left to try their hands in civilian life ; the latter came down to help us with the O.T.C. camp, where his cheery presence never failed to enliven a dull demonstration, shift a seething mass of fighting school-boys, or cheer his more staid companions in the mess.

We welcome Mr. Hardy as our new bandmaster ; to Mr. Young, C.S.M. Conaron, and Colour-Sergeants Gray and Humphrey who have left, we wish all good luck.

Each Rifle Company was now struck off in turn for training and musketry for six weeks. These periods ended with a Company march against the training Company of our neighbours, the Suffolk Regiment. A four days’ outing in the surrounding country involving much marching, billeting and ambushing, to say nothing of heated arguments later. Unfortunately, as

our opponents live in a different mess, these affairs have lost a little of their inter-company spirit that used to enliven them before the War.

We can look back on a very useful record in the past football season, in which we reached the 4th Round of the Army Cup and won the Garrison, together with three other local competitions, while the team was second in two more. The Band Boys did very well to reach the 5th or Semi-Final Round of their Army Cup. The progress in boxing has been maintained both individually and as a team, for we won the Garrison meeting and three weights in the open boxing.

Bayonet Fencing, under the able leadership of Fry, is first class ; for the team won the Garrison and reached the Final Round of the Command Cup, in which we met our old opponents the Lincoln Regiment.

The cross-country team, with Lytton-Milbanke, fought their way through to represent the Command in the Army team race. Still more welcome news came from Croppy Moore-Gwyn and Adrian Gore, who defeated the Coldstream Guards in the Final of the Army Racquets. Not content with this, Adrian went one better in becoming the Singles Champion after a tremendous struggle, first with Smith-Bingham and then with Scott-Chad, who had defeated Williams in the Semi-Final.

We were all sorry to see Adrian just fail, by a single stroke, to win the Army Golf Championship again.

At Easter many old friendships were renewed when Micklem and Henry Brierley, with strong detachments of the London Rifle Brigade and 12th London Regiment, came to stay for ten days' training. We were

glad to see Sergt.-Majors Riddell and Eyears with us again.

For the next three months training, musketry, tactical exercises, demonstrations, ceremonial parades, cricket matches, sports, swimming and rifle meetings followed one another with bewildering rapidity. Many of the results are given elsewhere, but mention must be made of the Garrison Rifle Meeting, when all the events fell to our marksmen, and the five companies took the first five places in the Inter-Company Cup open to the garrison. The day was brought to a fitting conclusion by a small Band boy who rushed up to the Colonel on the firing point and breathlessly said: "Please, sir, we have won the Boys' Championship!"

Lieut.-General Sir H. F. M. Wilson inspected the Battalion on 6 July. He expressed himself as well pleased. We were very sorry to hear him say that this would probably be the last time he would inspect the Battalion as Colonel Commandant.

Our cricket team in the midst of this activity betook themselves under the leadership of Archie Tod to stay at Hartsholme Hall, for the annual battle against the local eleven led by Lord Liverpool, with Reggie Spooner and Teddy Foljambe to back him up. A delightful match in which we held our own, thanks to some fine bowling by Archie and Adrian, and many runs from Teddy Williams and Foley. We retained the Colchester and District League cup, in which C.S.M. Partridge and Sergeant Hardman took full advantage of some really choice and dangerous wickets.

Williams and Gore played for the Army, the former making 228 against the Navy; a record for this match.

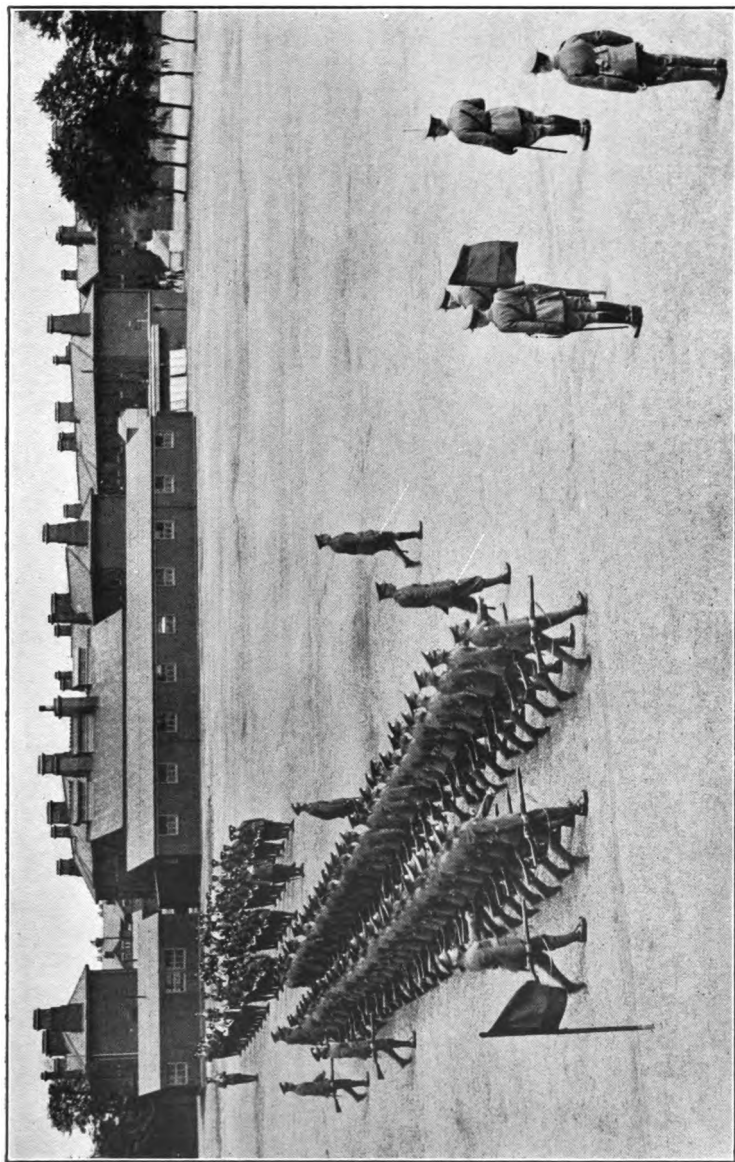
King-Salter distinguished himself at Bisley by

winning the Army Revolver Cup and gaining second place in the Army Rifle Championship ; also another record.

Some of us now went off to Green Jacket Week, others to the ranges, and still more to the O.T.C. Camp at Tidworth, soon to re-unite for Battalion Training on the familiar ground around Middlewick. Dinners out, route marches, digging and night operations. The Regimental Birthday followed, with sports in the afternoon and a dance in the evening. Particular mention must be made of a large party of ex-riflemen from the London Branch of the Rifle Brigade Association, who paid a visit to the Battalion to stay over the week-end and to accompany us to Church.

The next day saw us off to camp at Thorpe-le-Soken, some thirteen miles east of Colchester, and for those with cars within easy bathing distance of Frinton. Sandy had everything ready for us in a good camp, although a cattle-pocked field was extremely hard to walk or lie on after the dry summer. There followed a strenuous fortnight of Battalion and Brigade training, well favoured by Generals, umpires and motor traffic on its weekly way to the seaside. Memorable, too, for Victor Paley's flush-faced intelligence Section, anti-tank flags, yellow flags, blue flags, red flags and Company flags ; meticulous orders from the Boy (Hamilton-Russell) and Archie's rally of Battalion Headquarters on a dirty night of dark deeds by " B " Company, who had the audacity to break through the outposts.

Enough, back to barracks and out again to the Divisional Exercise in the opposite direction for four days ; a bumping and boring match against a continually retreating skeleton enemy, ending with a par-



HEADQUARTER WING, 2nd BATTALION, MARCHING PAST LIEUT.-GENERAL SIR H. F. M. WILSON,
K.C.B., K.C.M.G., COLONEL COMMANDANT.

July, 1928.

ticularly cold night's kapok bridging of the River Stour.

Just before this the Colonel and Mrs. Frank Nugent gave a garden party to all the married families on the cricket ground. Husbands, wives and children took part in every kind of race and competition, including pony rides and a treasure hunt. Not content with this, the Married Families' Guild, while the husbands were out of the way on manœuvres, betook themselves to Clacton, where they spent a happy day by the sea and were photographed on the pier!

October found us back in barracks to clear up the remnants of the musketry year, and ready to start all over again with a new batch of Riflemen which we hear the Dépôt has ready for us.

Mention must be made of the Buglers under Bugle-Major Locke, who have been in great demand; so much so that Armistice Day saw three parties go off, one to the Marne, one to the Colchester Gathering of ex-service men and one to our Memorial Service in London. We believe that they are going to perform at Olympia next year.

Still more changes had by now taken place among the Officers: for Whitaker departed for India followed by Christopher Congreve, and we welcomed Captain Carvosso, P.P.C.L.I., who with his wife had come from Canada to spend two years with us.

Curtis took Hopkinson's place at the Dépôt. There has been so much matrimony in the air this year that it is hard to keep pace with it, but we send best wishes to both of these and also to Hodson, Allan, Garnett and Rathbone.

Some say the winter training is now more strenuous than that in the summer, but still time was found for

a day's shooting or cubbing. A syndicate took a small shoot on the outskirts of Colchester, and we hear that in spite of the communistic way of planning the day's operations, they did very well. In addition several people have been kind enough to invite some of us to shoot.

Troyte-Bullock and Foley have been busy buying every nature of fowling-piece and warm garments with which to enjoy wintry evenings on the mud flats.

Collins and Brooksbank have now gone to the Dépôt. Crosbie is back with us in the mess, but not even his efforts will keep the December chills of Colchester out of it ; so much so that our dinner party to welcome the 7th Hussars had to be adjourned at midnight to change from mess kit, and move the scene of activities to London.

Congratulations to Jumbo Lytton-Milbanke on reaching the Final Round of the Army Squash, in which he was once more beaten by Scott-Chad. He should be encouraged by the fact that he has a considerable advantage in years over his conqueror, which will tell in the end !

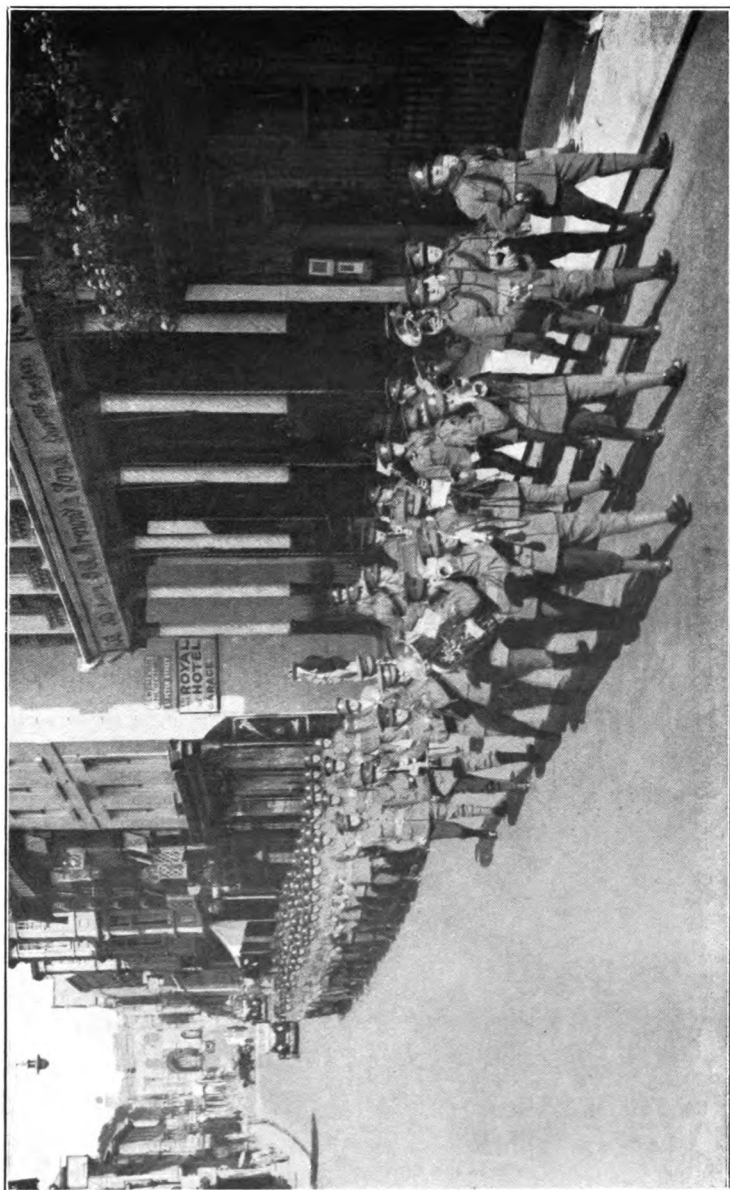
The hunting has so far not been too good, but we all hope for better scent after Christmas. The news that Podge Bernard is now out of danger after his serious accident with the Aldershot Drag, will cheer us all on.

With Best Wishes to all Riflemen,

Yours ever,

2ND BN. R.B.

THE RIFLE DEPÔT.



RETURNING FROM CHURCH.

THE DEPÔT LETTER.

WINCHESTER,
31 December 1928.

DEAR EDITOR,—

A soldier is, I believe, supposed to be able to undertake any form of duty cheerfully, Your correspondent was not surprised therefore when he was invited to compose a letter on matter about which he knew nothing and of events which took place somewhat before his arrival at the Depôt.

This does not in any way alter the fact that the Depôt has continued the even tenor of its way during the year, hardly disturbed by a complete change in officers, or the round of festivities which marked the close of Crosbie's command. He handed over complete in men, horses, and dogs and was, I think, as sorry to leave us as we were to lose him : certainly he has done much to increase the popularity of the Depôt. Colonel Majendie gave up command of the Rifle Depôt about the same time, and he and Crosbie were fêted at a banquet in the Mess which, fortunately, resulted in little damage to property or persons. Hodson is the only one who stays with us into the New Year. Ross, who has been relieved by Graham, is, we hope, making considerable sums in the City, and to accomplish this, possibly stands on his feet for considerably longer each day than he did on the Depôt square. Des Graz and Hopkinson have been relieved by Brooksbank and

Curtis ; Rushbrook, who has gone to the King's African Rifles, by Hicks.

Such successes as we have attained with the rifle are recorded elsewhere, but there is one remarkable episode which occurred during our visit to Brighton College for the annual match and which must be placed on record. Sergeant-Major Apsey made top score, but not content with this he states that from the kneeling position and at a distance of 250 yards he hit a rabbit in the head, a feat which as far as we are able to ascertain has only been equalled and possibly surpassed by a Rifleman of "H" Company of the 4th Battalion, who at El Obeid in 1912 from the standing position hit a running partridge through the eye.

Crosbie removed his stud early in the season, but before his departure the Hursley held their opening meet at the Dépôt. This is an innovation which we hope may be repeated. Graham, Hodson, Collins and Starkey did their best to carry on the tradition by keeping a horse apiece in Barracks. As usual, our neighbours have been kind in the matter of invitations to shoot and some of us have taken part in what might be described as superlative days. Fishing is, I fear, on the wane, partly on account of expense and partly perhaps owing to the sagacity of the fish.

The Squash Court which was completed early in the year has been much in request and is a very great boon and success. We were therefore very much surprised when it was whispered that certain citizens objected to it on æsthetic grounds, and the more so since it is considered to embody some of the best architectural features to be found in War Department buildings.

This year recruiting has been good and only in very rare cases has it been necessary to discard a man once

he has been finally approved. By the end of the recruiting year in March next we should be very few short of the numbers allotted to us for the year. Great keenness and rivalry has been evident not only between instructors but also between the recruits of the different squads. This is all to the good and we hope that some of this year's recruits will help to maintain in the coming year the wonderful record of successes in musketry attained by the Regiment.

We have had quite a successful year of sport, in fact the hockey team has been probably the strongest since the war. Under the direction of de Salis we played all local sides and defeated them and also the R.A.F., Flowerdown, the 2/60th, Poole, and the R.A.M.C., Netley and Alton, where we were glad to meet on the field Mr. Price late (1910) 4th Battalion, who is now a schoolmaster there. At football the Depôt team was third in the Wednesday League and The Rifle Brigade December squad won the Inter-Squad Cup. A real good hard game against Winchester College resulted in a win for the Depôt by 3 to 2. Rifleman White came in 37th in the Southern Command Cross Country Run held at Tidworth and in the Hampshire Regiment Open Relay Race for recruits our teams gained the first three places.

In May we held the annual recruits' triangular boxing competition. The team was trained by C.S.M. Wilkinson and C.S.M. Huntingdon and had great hopes of repeating the successes of the last three years. This was not to be, and we were defeated by the 60th by only four points, and drew with the Hampshires. In a team which fought so hard and well it is difficult to mention any individual, but from the way in which Riflemen Curtiss, Elstob and Bartram demolished their

opponents, we may assume that further successes are open to them in the future.

In October we were inspected by General Sir G. D. Jeffreys, Commanding Wessex Area, who expressed himself as very pleased with all he saw.

This year Armistice Day fell on a Sunday and the Service of Remembrance was held in the Cathedral. All arrangements for seating and time tables were made by Starkey, and a lot of work it gave him. Each Depôt sent a party of fifty, who together with past members of both regiments paraded on the square and marched under Graham. The service was most impressive.

The local branch of the Rifle Brigade Association held its annual dinner on 3 November at the Guildhall with Major Russell in the chair. Eighty-five members were present and spent a most enjoyable evening.

We had the usual display of fireworks and the finest bonfire that ever was seen on 5 November. Godden and his satellites have undoubtedly nerves of steel, for having armed a rabble of small boys with squibs and roman candles they permitted them (not that they are to be turned from their nefarious designs) to discharge them not only in close proximity to but even at the case containing the rockets and other explosives. Our thanks are due to Godden and Mrs. Godden for organizing the Christmas tree and presents, the latter a herculean task in itself. Their efforts were rewarded by a thoroughly good show.

Greenjacket Week came and went much as usual, and the dance run this year by Cheney and Morris was very successful.

The Queen Victoria Rifles came down for their Easter Training and were attached to the 60th. This

is almost a tradition, but no Territorial Battalion showed any desire to be attached to The Rifle Brigade. This is not as it should be ; next year we hope to welcome the Artists' Rifles.

Lastly, the Museum is firmly established. Hopkinson's good work in arranging and cataloguing the exhibits will have to be slightly altered by the addition of the cups and shields of the 3rd and 4th Battalions which have been sent down from the United Service Institution.

When these are arranged the room will be filled almost to its utmost capacity. We only wish that more people would come and look at it.

Yours ever,

THE DEPÔT.

THE "GREENJACKET" O.T.C. CAMP.

1928.

By LIEUTENANT H. S. P. HOPKINSON.

THE Camp was held at Tidworth Park and lasted from 31 July till 8 August.

The Schools were made up into a Brigade of four battalions as follows :—

BRIGADE STAFF.

<i>Brigade Commander</i> .	Colonel B. J. Majendie, C.M.G., D.S.O.
<i>Asst. Bde. Commdr.</i>	Major G. F. H. Hayhurst- France, D.S.O., M.C., K.R.R.C. (R. of O.).
<i>Brigade Major</i> .	Captain E. S. B. Williams, The Rifle Bde.
<i>Staff Captain</i> .	Captain C. E. M. Grenville- Grey, K.R.R.C.
<i>Bde. Sig. Officer</i> .	Lieut. R. H. Bowman, P. of W. Vols.
<i>Bde. Quartermaster</i> .	Lieut. and Q. M. F. P. Godden, The Rifle Bde.
<i>Asst. Bde. Qr. Mr.</i> .	Captain R. G. Telfer, Dulwich College O.T.C.
<i>Senior Med. Officer</i> .	Major E. G. S. Cane, D.S.O., M.B.E., R.A.M.C.
<i>Senior Chaplain</i> .	Rev. A. W. Chute.
<i>Assistant Chaplain</i> .	Rev. R. W. D. Lee,

<i>Bde. Sgt.-Major</i>	.	R.S.M. W. Apsey, D.C.M., The Rifle Bde.
<i>Bde. Q.M. Sgt.</i>	.	R.Q.M.S. A. Reed, The Rifle Bde.
<i>Brigade Clerk</i>	.	Mr. G. E. Holdstock, late Rifle Bde.

No. I Battalion.

Commanding Officer	Lieut.-Col. H. O. Curtis, D.S.O., M.C., K.R.R.C.
2nd in Command	Captain E. A. B. Miller, M.C., K.R.R.C.
Adjutant.	Lieut. R. G. R. Oxley, K.R.R.C.
O.i/c Demonstration Platoon	Lieut. G. H. G. Smith-Dorrien, K.R.R.C.
Battn. Sgt.-Major	R.Q.M.S. Rowland, M.M., K.R.R.C.

Eton.	Elizabeth.
Leys.	King's (Bruton).
Rydal.	Chigwell.
Campbell (Belfast).	Forest.
St. John's.	Wolverhampton.

No. II Battalion.

Commanding Officer	Major R. H. Woods, O.B.E., M.C., K.R.R.C.
2nd in Command	Captain L. A. N. Morris, K.R.R.C.
Adjutant.	Lieut. W. D. Davies, K.R.R.C.
O.i/c Demon. Pltn.	Lieut. P. R. G. Johnstone, K.R.R.C.
Battn. Sgt.-Major	C.S.M. Bentley, D.C.M., K.R.R.C.

Shrewsbury.	Dartford Grammar.
Eastbourne.	Skinner's.
King's College (Wimble-	Magdalen College (Ox-
don).	ford).
Monkton Combe.	Exeter.
Woodbridge.	Merchant Taylors.

No. III Battalion.

Commanding Officer	Lieut.-Col. J. P. G. Crosbie, D.S.O., The Rifle Bde.
2nd in Command .	Captain T. Fairfax-Ross, M.C., The Rifle Bde.
Adjutant. . .	Lieut. W. R. Starkey, The Rifle Bde.
O.i/c Demon. Pltn. .	Lieut. H. S. P. Hopkinson, The Rifle Bde.
Battn. Sgt.-Major .	C.S.M. A. Wilkinson, M.M., The Rifle Bde.

Bournemouth.	Hertford.
Canford.	Weymouth.
Worksop.	Brighton.
Hereford.	Monmouth.
Wantage.	Dulwich.

No. IV Battalion.

Commanding Officer	Major D. E. Prideaux-Brune, D.S.O., The Rifle Bde.
2nd in Command .	Captain C. P. Warren, M.C., The Rifle Bde.
Adjutant. . .	Lieut. G. V. Troyte-Bullock, The Rifle Bde.
O.i/c Demon. Pltn. .	Lieut. L. M. B. Rathbone, The Rifle Bde.

Battn. Sgt.-Major . C.Q.M.S. A. Moore, The Rifle
Bde.

Cheltenham.	Alley's.
Wilson's.	Allhallows.
Churcher's.	King Edward's (Bir-
Cambridge and County.	mingham).
Bedford.	

The training programme, as under, was carried out in full. The weather, this year, was really far more kind to us than last, and although we had rain on most nights it usually cleared in time for the morning parade :

- 31 July.—Camp assembled. Conferences.
- 1 August.—Section and Platoon Formation. Demonstration and Practice.
- 2 August.—Fire Power Demonstration for whole Brigade. Platoon in Attack. Demonstration and Practice.
- 3 August.—Platoon in Defence. Demonstration and Practice. Night Operations.
- 4 August.—Company in the Attack. Demonstration and Practice. Night Operations.
- 5 August.—Church Parade and Camp Inspection.
- 6 August.—Battalion Training: Companies in the Attack.
- 7 August.—Inter-Battalion Schemes with Tanks and Aeroplanes.
- 8 August.—Camp breaks up.

Demonstrations of the lessons that were going to be taught each day were given by the Demonstration Platoons of each battalion at the commencement of

the day's work; these were a great help and were much appreciated by the various contingents.

These platoons were formed by boys from the various schools in each battalion, in them they remained until the Sunday and worked really hard to make the demonstrations a success. This meant that not only had they to give a demonstration in the morning in one area but in the afternoon they had to march out to another area to practise the next day's demonstration.

A word of thanks is also due to the Sergeants who came down from the battalions and the Depôt to help with the Demonstration Platoons.

Another large Officers' Course was run by Hayhurst-France, who was Assistant-Commandant. This was very popular and there was a good deal of competition for the limited number of vacancies allotted battalions.

Officers Commanding units of the Cavalry, Royal Artillery, Royal Tank Corps, and Royal Air Force stationed at Tidworth were most kind in supplying every need of the Camp in horses, guns, tanks and aeroplanes, thus greatly enhancing the reality and value of our battles.

As before, the Royal Air Force gave flights to Cadets throughout the Camp, and these were most popular.

The Band and Guard Mounting Competitions were held as usual, the former being won by Campbell College, Belfast, of No. 1 Battalion, with Canford School of No. 3 Battalion second. Of the five Guards mounted in the Guard Mounting Competition, two were won for No. 1 Battalion by Eton, and two for No. 3 Battalion by Canford School and Bournemouth, and one for No. 2 Battalion by King's College School,

THE RIFLE DEPÔT STAFF AT THE GREENJACKETS O.T.C. CAMP.



Lieut. W. R. Starkey.	Lieut.-Colonel J. P. G. Crosbie, D.S.O.	Capt. T. Fairfax-Ross, M.C.	C.S.M. A. Wilkinson, M.M.
A.Sgt. B. Powell.		A.C.Q.M.S. J. Davies.	

Wimbledon. No "Best Guard" was awarded at this Camp.

The Sports Competition for the "Green Jacket" Cup was again a great success and was run by Davies and R.S.M. Apsey without a hitch.

The "Green Jacket" Cup was again won by a unit of No. 3 Battalion, Worksop College, and was a first-class performance on their part; it was a disappointment that Eton, the strongest contingent in Camp, was unable to find a team. Bedford of No. 4 Battalion were second for the Cup and also put up an excellent show.

In the eliminating round for the Inter-School P.T. Competition, Cheltenham College of No. 4 Battalion won for Tidworth Park Camp, but at the time of going to press the results of the Final Round between the winners of each O.T.C. Camp has not yet been announced.

The Band and Buglers of the 2nd Bn. The Rifle Brigade were a great success and their performances in Camp every evening were always enthusiastically applauded.

Godden was again Quartermaster and as usual ran an excellent show, and we were lucky to have Grenville-Grey of the 60th as Staff Captain. The feeding arrangements were again excellent and won high praise from everyone.

Mr. Holdstock, late Q.M.S., again was the presiding spirit in the Brigade Office, and it therefore ran as smoothly as ever.

The Sing-Song Tent was very well patronized and was admirably run by the Rev. A. W. Chute and the Rev. R. W. D. Lee. They got hold of some first-class turns. On the last night Fairfax-Ross, whose last

night in the Army it was also, gave a capital turn and in spite of not being altogether word perfect in one or two of his songs succeeded in bringing the tent down and was encored enthusiastically again and again.

There was one amusing incident when a car drove into the lines at dead of night and refused to halt when challenged; it was pursued by the sentry with fixed sword but the two occupants jumped out and escaped among the tents. The Guard, to make sure at any rate of the car, removed the float of the carburettor and reported the incident next morning. When the scene of the outrage was visited shortly afterwards, to everyone's horror and surprise no car was to be found. However, it was eventually run to ground in the Officers' Garage, where to make sure that it should not be moved again the Officers of No. 2 Battalion completely dismantled it.

The next morning the Padre turned up at Brigade Office to see the Colonel and asked if the Colonel would mind putting in "Orders" that no cars were to be interfered with, as on two occasions someone had tampered with his, first removing the carburettor and the second time letting the air out of his tyres, etc. It is rumoured that the actual culprits were eventually caught and had severe disciplinary action meted out to them, but unfortunately rumour does not relate who pumped up the Padre's tyres.

On another day when the Commanding Officer of No. 3 Battalion was eating a hearty breakfast, his Demonstration Officer arrived in a breathless condition to say that a crisis of the greatest magnitude had occurred, that the Battalion was even now marching on to parade, and that the scheme that had been so laboriously prepared weeks before for the morning

battle had just been found to be for the wrong area. What was to be done? The Battalion Staff rose nobly to the occasion and while the Commanding Officer finished his breakfast in peace and then proceeded to exercise the Battalion in arm drill (much to their surprise) the Demonstration Officer led out the enemy to war after a hurried consultation with the Second-in-Command, who in a quarter of an hour produced and had typed a completely new scheme.

This Camp was to everyone's regret Colonel Majendie's last as Commandant, and was if possible a greater success than any of his previous ones. We are all very sorry that we shall not see him there again next year, and wish him the best of luck wherever he may be.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

ARMY RACQUETS DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP, 1928.

By LIEUT.-COLONEL A. J. H. SLOGGETT, D.S.O.

THE Competition for the Army Racquets Doubles Championship commenced at Prince's Club, Knightsbridge, on 16 April, entries having been received from the Royal Engineers, 17th/21st Lancers, Coldstream Guards (Holders), King's Royal Rifle Corps, and The Rifle Brigade.

First Round.—The 17th/21st Lancers (Captain R. T. Stanyforth, M.C., and Lieutenant O. C. Smith-Bingham) beat the Royal Engineers (Lieutenant M. D. Maclagan and Lieutenant J. S. A. Salt) by 4 games to 0 (15—10, 15—4, 15—11, 17—14).

Coldstream Guards, King's Royal Rifle Corps and The Rifle Brigade byes.

Semi-Final.—17th/21st Lancers beat Coldstream Guards (Lieutenant G. N. Scott-Chad and Lieutenant D. W. A. Forbes) by 4 games to 0 (15—12, 15—3, 15—4, 15—5).

Duckworth-King, who had won this Competition with Scott-Chad for the previous three years, had left the Army, and in Forbes, Scott-Chad had as a partner a practical beginner, so there was never any doubt about the match against the well-balanced pair of the 17th/21st Lancers.

The Rifle Brigade (Major H. G. Moore-Gwyn, D.S.O., M.C., and Lieutenant A. C. Gore) beat the King's Royal Rifle Corps by 4 games to 3 (15—12, 15—7, 13—15, 12—15, 15—10, 10—15, 15—10) or 95 aces to 84.

One of the best matches that has been seen in this Competition for many years, and as the score shows, was a ding-dong struggle throughout, and anybody's match up to the last rally. All four played finely and the service and taking of service were very good.

Final.—The Rifle Brigade beat the 17th/21st Lancers by 4 games to 2 (15—8, 13—16, 15—6, 5—15, 15—12, 15—8).

After allowing the Coldstream Guards to hold the Cup for three years, Moore-Gwyn and Gore very wisely said it was time that the Regiment got it back again—and so they did it!

Our very best thanks and hearty congratulations to them.

The Racquets in the Final was not quite as good as that seen in

the Semi-Final between The Rifle Brigade and the King's Royal Rifle Corps, nor was the match as exciting or so close.

This is the sixth time the Regiment have won the Cup since 1920 (inclusive).

ARMY RACQUETS SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP. 1928.

By LIEUT.-COLONEL A. J. H. SLOGGETT, D.S.O.

THE Competition for the Singles Championship (holder, Lieutenant G. N. Scott-Chad, Coldstream Guards) commenced at Prince's Club on 19 April.

First Round.—Lieutenant C. J. Wilson (K.R.R.C.) beat Lieutenant M. D. Maclagan (R.E.) by 3 games to 0 (15—4, 15—9, 15—13).

Captain E. S. B. Williams (R.B.) beat Captain R. T. Stanyforth, M.C. (17th/21st Lancers) by 3 games to 0 (15—8, 15—3, 15—1).

Lieutenant O. C. Smith-Bingham (17th/21st Lancers) beat Captain E. F. Bolton (The Queen's Regiment) by 3 games to 0 (15—5, 15—6, 15—6).

Captain J. N. Cheney (K.R.R.C.) beat Lieutenant D. W. A. Forbes (Coldstream Guards) by 3 games to 0 (15—3, 15—9, 15—1).

Second Round.—Lieutenant G. N. Scott-Chad (Coldstream Guards) beat Major H. G. Moore-Gwyn, D.S.O., M.C. (R.B.) by 3 games to 1 (12—15, 15—3, 15—3, 15—6).

Captain E. S. B. Williams beat Captain C. J. Wilson by 3 games to 0 (17—14, 15—9, 15—11).

Lieutenant O. C. Smith-Bingham beat Captain J. N. Cheney by 3 games to 0 (15—3, 15—9, 15—8).

Lieutenant A. C. Gore (R.B.) beat Lieutenant J. S. Salt (R.E.) by 3 games to 0 (15—7, 15—5, 15—8).

Semi-Final.—Lieutenant G. N. Scott-Chad beat Captain E. S. B. Williams by 3 games to 0 (15—1, 15—2, 15—0).

Lieutenant A. C. Gore beat Lieutenant O. C. Smith-Bingham by 3 games to 1 (17—16, 16—15, 8—15, 15—9).

A really exciting match, even if it did not go to the fifth game.

Final.—Lieutenant A. C. Gore beat Lieutenant G. N. Scott-Chad (the holder) by 3 games to 2 (4—15, 15—16, 15—7, 15—4, 15—10) or 64 aces to 52.

There were very few in the gallery who thought there could be any ending to this match but one, but Gore showed the gallery that they were very much wrong, to the great delight of all Riflemen present.

Gore has improved tremendously in all points of the game, and is to be heartily congratulated in beating a more experienced player of class, after being two games down. He kept his head extremely well after the match looked almost lost, and his service and hitting in the rallies after the middle of the third game were desperate, which the occasion demanded. In the third game he thoroughly

rattled Scott-Chad, who went right off his game, a fact which Gore hammered home and never allowed the holder to pick it up again, thus turning what looked at one time a certain defeat into a great victory.

By winning both the Doubles and Singles, Gore has equalled the feat of Captain H. L. Balfour Bryant, Major Hon. J. J. Astor, Captain T. O. Jameson, Lieutenant G. N. Scott-Chad, who till now had been the only four players to accomplish the dual win.

The Cup was presented by Major-General S. H. Sheppard, the former Amateur and Army Racquet Champion.

The thanks of all the Competitors are due to Prince's Club for the able way in which they ran both competitions.

ARMY SQUASH RACQUETS CHAMPIONSHIP.

1928.

BY CAPTAIN R. C. BRIDGEMAN, M.C.

THE Regiment was represented by Lytton-Milbanke in the Army Squash Racquets Championship which was played at Prince's on 19-24 November.

In the First Round he defeated Captain A. H. Hornby, R.A., by three games to none (9-6, 9-5, 9-1).

"Lytton-Milbanke," says "The Times," "who has a prodigious reach, missed very little, and has a very clever back-hand drop stroke round the side wall."

Lytton-Milbanke won the first game by a sequence of six aces from 3-6; in the second game there were eleven blank hands; in the final game Hornby was in six times, scoring only one point.

In the Second Round Lytton-Milbanke beat Captain R. M. Roberts, K.O.Y.L.I., by three games to none (9-6, 9-3, 9-1). Roberts was strange to the court, and although he led 6-5 in the first game, he could not hold the pace set by his opponent, who played better and better as the match went on.

In the Third Round he met Captain G. H. Sweny, R.E., and beat him by three games to one (8-10, 9-6, 9-3, 9-2) after a match lasting three-quarters of an hour. Both players were evenly matched "and at times," says "The Times" correspondent, "the form was very good indeed."

In the Semi-Final he somewhat unexpectedly defeated Major J. C. O. Marriott (Scots Guards) after a struggle lasting an hour and a half (10-8, 3-9, 9-7, 9-3, 9-6.)

Marriott won the first two games, and was leading 7-1 in the third game, after a series of very long rallies, one of which went to sixty-three strokes. Lytton-Milbanke then made a sequence of five aces; he was put out, but killed his opponent's next service, and after two blank hands went to game with a run of three aces.

He led throughout the fourth game and won 9—3. In the fifth game, in spite of a new bat, he led 7—0. Marriott went to 5—7, but Lytton-Milbanke played very coolly and carefully and won the next three rallies, "and so," says "The Times," "a great match."

In the Final he was beaten by G. N. Scott-Chad (Coldstream Guards), his opponent in last year's Semi-Final (9—5, 9—4, 9—1).

"Lytton-Milbanke," says "The Times," "is a player of resource, brains, patience and great staying power, and has improved at least three points this season."

The match was a much shorter one than was the semi-final. Scott-Chad was at his best, and keeping a very accurate length; the first game lasted a quarter of an hour; in the second game Lytton-Milbanke reached 4—1; then came a very remarkable sequence of fifteen aces by Scott-Chad, taking him to 7—0 in the third game.

We offer Lytton-Milbanke our very hearty congratulations on being the first member of the Regiment to reach the Final of this Competition.

REGIMENTAL POINT-TO-POINT.

1928.

THIS year brought quite an innovation in our ideas, in that we borrowed a course as opposed to making one of our own. As was reported in the account of the 1927 Meeting, the finding of a suitable point-to-point course in these parts presents a very difficult problem. The 1927 course at Peldon was satisfactory from the spectators' point of view, but not quite so good from the riders', inasmuch as if it is wet the going becomes so holding that it is not a question of racing but merely one of plodding and bumping over or through the fences till one's horse becomes exhausted. This year, we were lucky enough to get permission to hold our meeting on the East Essex Course, which is a permanent one and supposed to be the best course in Essex. It is certainly a galloping course, and there is nothing in it with which the infantry charger cannot easily compete. This was more than adequately proved by the very few falls that took place in the afternoon. There are, and always will be, many arguments as to the rights and wrongs of point-to-point courses. Some say—make them stiff and trappy so as to give the poor old hunter a chance and thereby eliminate the beastly race-horses; both have their good and bad points, but if it is possible to obtain a course where there are very few falls combined with good finishes, perhaps it may be called a satisfactory one. Everything was on our side this year, the weather was excellent, the going was good and there had been a good meeting over the course on the previous Saturday, so it was not to be wondered at that we had record entries for the two open races, which together with our own were bound to prove a success. We entertained well over seven

hundred farmers and friends to tea besides liquid refreshments for another hundred. The Colonel also had a large number of people to lunch.

The actual details and description of this year's Point-to-point Regimental Meeting are appended.

1ST RACE.—THE RIFLE BRIGADE LIGHT-WEIGHT STEEPLECHASE.

To be run for the Regimental Light-Weight Challenge Cup. For horses the property of Officers serving (at the date of entry) in The Rifle Brigade, which have never won a race of any description under N.H. Rules (except at a Point-to-point or bona-fide Hunt Meeting).

Weight—12 st. 7 lb. or over.

Penalties—The winner of any race other than a Point-to-point Steeplechase confined to one Regiment or a Regimental Team Race or a previous winner of any of the races in this programme. Once—5 lb. Twice or more times—10 lb.

1. Capt. F. T. Hill's b.g. *Twister* (10 lb.), a, E. Essex (Owner).
2. Mr. W. P. S. Curtis' b.m. *Geisha II*, a, Cottesmore (Owner).
3. Capt. E. S. B. Williams' b.g. *Fanlight*, a, E. Essex (Mr. J. Congreve).
0. Lieut.-Col. J. P. G. Crosbie's ch.g. *Fermoy*, a, South Oxford (Capt. D. Guthrie).
0. Mr. A. G. V. Paley's ch.m. *Jorrocks*, 8, E. Essex (Owner).
0. Mr. W. R. Starkey's ch.g. *Firebrand*, 6, Hursley (Owner).
0. Mr. D. J. Purdon's ch.g. *Kerinstown*, a, Westmeath (Owner).
0. Capt. F. E. A. Fulford's gr.g. *Silvo* (69170), 8, Tiverton (Owner).
0. Major D. E. Prideaux-Brune's b.g. *Remus* (72473), a, E. Essex (Owner).

"Kerinstown" led for well over two miles with "Twister" and "Geisha" close up. Unfortunately, "Kerinstown" fell three fences from home, and then Hill on "Twister," who was carrying a ten-pound penalty for his previous win, came on and won easily by ten lengths, same distance between second and third. "Kerinstown" was going well when he fell, and would undoubtedly have given "Twister" a good race.

2ND RACE.—OPEN NOMINATION RACE.

For a cup presented by The Rifle Brigade Club and a sweepstake of two sovereigns each for horses, the property of the entrants nominated by the Commanding Officer of The Rifle Brigade which at the time of starting have not won a race of any description under N.H. Rules (races at a Point-to-point or bona-fide Hunt Meeting excepted) and which have been regularly and fairly hunted with any recognized pack of Fox-Hounds, Stag-Hounds or Harriers in the United Kingdom during the season 1927-28. To be ridden in colours by persons who have never ridden for hire. To comply with the regulations the winner to receive up to £20 of the stake. If the stake exceeds £20, the second to receive up to £10 of the surplus, and if still a surplus the third to save his stake. Balance to Race Fund.

Weight—12 st. 7 lb. or over.

Entrance fee—Two guineas.

Penalties—Winner since 1 January 1927, once 7 lb., twice 10 lb., three times or more 14 lb.

1. Mr. S. M. Pilkington's b.g. *Cloister* (7 lb.), a, Essex Union (Owner).
(Royal blue, white cross belt, cuffs, collar and cap.)
2. Mr. W. Price's bl.g. *Pussyfoot IV* (10 lb.), a, Newmarket and Thurlow
(Mr. John Price).
(Black, orange sleeves, halved cap.)
3. Mr. A. Howgego's b.m. *Elastic* (14 lb.), a, Essex Union (Owner).
(Light brown, black cap.)
0. Mr. G. Gilbey's bl.g. *Cock Pheasant* (10 lb.), a, Essex (Mr. T. Howard, Junr.).
(Yellow, brown belt and cap.)
0. Mrs. J. Dalton White's ch.g. *Yetton*, a, Essex (Mr. J. Dalton White).
(Scarlet, yellow sleeves, black cap.)
0. Mr. W. Woodward's b.g. *Young Duke*, a, Newmarket and Thurlow
(Mr. J. Woodward).
(White, black cap.)
0. Col. E. Hill's b.g. *Braintree*, a, E. Essex.
(Claret, navy blue cap.)
0. Mr. Alfred Melson's b.g. *Huntbutton II* (7 lb.), 8, E. and Suffolk (Major H. Misa).
(White, red cross belt, sleeves and cap.)
0. Mr. R. B. R. Colvin's ch.g. *Rural*, a, Essex (Owner).
(Light blue, scarlet hoop, scarlet cap.)
0. Mr. C. D. Blackett's b.g. *Duff* (80231), a, E. Essex (Owner).
(Red, white cap.)
0. Capt. V. G. Toler-Aylward's b.m. *High Strike* (77929), 6, E. Essex
(Owner).
(Red, green cap.)
0. Mr. C. D. Blackett's b.g. *Dragoon* (78089), a, E. Essex (Owner).
(Red, white cap.)
0. Mr. O. V. Holmes' b.g. *Kotwang* (W. 69503), a, Bicester (Owner).
(Red, white hoops, black cap.)
0. Mr. W. A. Turner's b.m. *Grape Fruit* (79063), a, E. Essex (Owner).
(Blue, white cross belt, black cap.)
0. Mr. Stanley May's bl.m. *Kazan*, 6, Essex Farmers (Owner).

This was an excellent race, as fifteen starters turned out for it. Open races do not always fill, but, as will be seen in the conditions, the fact that it was not only a race for a cup presented by the Club, but also for a sweep of £20 the winner, and £10 to the second, doubtless had a great deal to do with the large number of entries. It was a good sight to see all these horses over the first three fences, and the fact that it was ridden in colours made it very popular with the crowd. They were a good lot of horses, four previous winners being amongst them; "Cock Pheasant" led for the first part till he fell, then "Pussyfoot" went on with a slight lead from "Cloister," who was in the van of about ten others, and not until two fences from home did "Cloister" take the lead, going on to win by four lengths, six lengths separating second and third.

3RD RACE.—THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT'S CUP.

To be run for the Challenge Cup presented by H.R.H. the Colonel-in-Chief of The Rifle Brigade. Open to horses which have never won a Steeplechase (except a Point-to-point Steeplechase confined to one Regiment or a Steeplechase at a Point-to-point or bona-fide Hunt Meeting) the property of members of The Rifle Brigade Club.

Weight—13 st. or over.

Penalties—As for Race 1.

1. Lieut.-Col. J. P. G. Crosbie's gr.m. *Evangeline*, a, Bicester (Owner).
2. Mr. R. D. D. Poole's *The Hen*, 6, Cheshire (Owner).
3. Major R. H. L. Collins' b.g. *Hereford* (58345), a, E. Essex (Mr. G. V. Troyte-Bullock).
0. Mr. A. C. Gore's br.m. *Loughborough*, a, Essex and Suffolk (Owner).
0. Col. D. K. Bernard's b.g. *John Peel* (5 lb.), a, S. Berks (Owner).
0. Major A. A. Tod's b.g. *Baccarat* (70062), a, E. Essex (Col. J. L. Buxton).
0. Capt. F. E. A. Fulford's br.g. *Micky*, 7, Tiverton (Owner).
0. Capt. F. T. Hill's br.m. *Bangle*, a, Blackmore Vale (Owner).

An example of "It is never too late to win." If only a few others would follow Johnnie Crosbie's example and have a dart, even if their wives did object, the entries for this race would be more than double what they are now. It is primarily for past Riflemen, and in spite of the grant for expenses from the R.B. Club, hardly anyone seems to take advantage of it. Surely some late Riflemen still own horses worthy of winning this race. The race itself needs little description. Hill made all the running on "Bangle" till about two fences from home, when she was completely beat. "Hereford" here chose to run out, otherwise he was bound to have won. This let up Johnnie on "Evangeline" and Poole on "The Hen," but the former had plenty in hand and went on to win by four lengths, six lengths between second and third. This was a very popular win, not only with the Regiment but also with the crowd.

4TH RACE.—THE ADJACENT HUNTS FARMERS' RACE.

For a Cup presented by The Rifle Brigade Club and £5 to the winner, £3 to the second and £1 to the third, for maidens under N.H. Rules (races at a Point-to-point or bona-fide Hunt Meeting excepted) which have been regularly and fairly hunted during the present season with any of the following Packs: The East Essex, The Essex, The Essex and Suffolk, The Essex Union, The Newmarket and Thurlow, The Suffolk and Essex Farmers' Hunts.

A Master's certificate must accompany each entry. Horses must have been the bona-fide and unconditional property since 1 February 1928 of farmers owning or farming not less than 50 acres within the limits of the above Hunts, or, of a Puppy Walker.

Weights—12 st. 7 lb. or over.

Entrance Fee. Six entries or race may be declared void.

To be ridden by Members, Subscribers, Farmers (or their Sons), or serving Officers, who have never ridden for hire.

Penalties—Winner since 1 January 1927, once 7 lb., twice 10 lb., three times or more 14 lb.

1. Mr. G. B. Blaker's br.g. *Con Mor*, a, Essex and Suffolk (Owner).
2. Mr. E. Cousin's b.m. *Duchess* (7 lb.), a, E. Essex.
3. Mr. K. Clarke's b.g. *The Moth*, 7, Essex and Suffolk (Owner).
0. Mr. M. S. Howard's b.g. *Master Johnson*, a, Essex (Owner).
0. Mr. A. J. Goodchild's br.g. *Soloman*, a, Essex.
0. Mr. Edward Pyne's ch.g. *Sepoy*, 5, Essex (Mr. A. B. Pyne).
0. Mr. H. R. Wade's b.g. *Koko*, 6, Essex and Suffolk.
0. Mr. D. S. Gale's b.m. *Moreungava*, a, Essex and Suffolk (Owner).
0. Messrs. S. and F. Blake's b.g. *Kruschen*, a, Essex and Suffolk (Mr. S. Blake).
0. Mr. Geoffrey Wear's b.g. *Gortfad*, 6, Essex and Suffolk (Owner).
0. Mr. D. S. Gale's b.g. *Tiger*, a, Essex and Suffolk (Mr. W. Mudd).
0. Mr. D. P. Viall's b.g. *Moonlit*, a, E. Essex (Owner).
0. Mr. P. Anderson's b.g. *Bee's Wing*, a, E. Essex (Owner).

Thirteen out of an entry of twenty-three faced the starter for this race, which may be considered an exceptionally good entry, and with such a large number of runners, a good race was bound to ensue. "Con Mor" and "Duchess" kept together for the entire distance. "Duchess," who had won over this course on the previous Saturday, made a slight mistake at the last fence and just let up "Con Mor" to win by a length, with "The Moth" close up third.

5TH RACE.—THE RIFLE BRIGADE HEAVY-WEIGHT STEEPLECHASE.

To be run for the Regimental Heavy-Weight Challenge Cup for horses the property of Officers serving (at date of entry) in The Rifle Brigade.

Weight—13 st. 7 lb. or over.

Conditions and penalties as for race No. 1.

1. Capt. F. T. Hill's br.m. *Brown Bread*, a, E. Essex (Owner).
2. Mr. J. C. Garnett's b.m. *Thistle*, a, E. Essex (Owner).
3. Mr. L. M. B. Rathbone's b.g. *Jimmy*, a, Dumfriesshire (Owner).
0. Lieut.-Col. J. P. G. Crosbie's gr.g. *Sunday*, a, 8, Oxford (Mr. D. J. Purdon).
0. Capt. E. S. B. Williams' ch.g. *Michael*, a, Staff College Drag (Owner).
0. Capt. D. N. Guthrie's br.g. *Champagne*, 7, Bicester (Owner).
0. Mr. E. J. C. King-Salter's b.m. *Tiny* (55055), a, E. Essex (Owner).
0. Mr. E. N. Clarke's ch.g. *Laddie*, a, E. Essex (Owner).
0. Mr. R. D. D. Poole's ch.m. *Prudence*, 6, Cheshire (Owner).
0. Mr. A. G. L. Hamilton-Russell's ch.m. *Peggy* (68520), a, E. Essex (Owner).
0. Lieut.-Col. F. H. Burnell-Nugent's ch.g. *Mr. Sandy* (69700), a, E. Essex (Capt. H. B. Norcott).
0. Major D. E. Prideaux-Brune's b.g. *Tulla Boy*, 7, E. Essex (Mr. G. V. Troyte-Bullock).

With this race went the Alan Hargreaves Trophy, since it had twelve starters as compared to nine in the Light-Weight. Hill on

"Brown Bread" and Garnett on "Thistle" made all the running, till unfortunately they collided about three fences from home, Hill getting the best of it, and going on to win by a distance from the remainder, "Thistle" second and "Jimmy" third.

TEAM RACE.

THE RIFLE BRIGADE VERSUS 43RD LIGHT INFANTRY.

THIS annual event, although it had to be abandoned in 1927, took place on 28 March 1928, in conjunction with The Essex Hunt Races held near Ongar and resulted in a very decisive victory for The Rifle Brigade by 92 points to 44, the first seven home being blackcoats. There was much talk and discussion as to the actual venue of this event, and as it was our turn to arrange it we naturally felt more than responsible that it was necessary to have as good a course as possible. The Essex Hunt kindly offered us a race at their meeting. This Hunt, by the way, is the doyen of the Essex packs, and all were assured of a perfect course and a good run for their money. Only one member of our team doubted this (prior to seeing the course), but he had an unfair advantage, as he had been persuaded to ride the famous "Hereford" in the Open Race the previous year over an Essex Hunt Course, and, according to him, had the good luck to break a leather after a few fences! The actual selection of the team was a solemn affair, held on the evening of the Regimental Races, the Colonel presiding in the chair with the Adjutant in close attendance. It seems to have been satisfactory and no complaints were held afterwards as to why So-and-So was put in or left out! The course itself was practically all "grass" and about four miles of very heavy going indeed. The fences were stiff, to say the least of it, and there were about thirty of them; ours was the last race on the card and those about to ride had the cheerful experience of seeing about fifty per cent. of the competitors in each race laid low. The unexpected, however, always happens in more ways than one, including the first horse past the post, and, in the actual race, all our entries finished with only one casualty, this being Fulford who rode his "Selected" as a certain jumper and had two falls.

The excellence of the jumping capability of the horses or the horsemanship of our team is easily accounted for by the fact that a local farmer was heard to remark that "These horse soldiers are taught how to ride by the Colonel every morning before breakfast"!

One cannot help drawing attention to the fact that in this race poor David Guthrie rode "Evangeline," the mare which a week later gave him his fatal fall.

The actual result is as follows:

The 43rd Light Infantry and 2nd Battalion The Rifle Brigade Team Race. (Teams of 8),

A Challenge Cup, presented by the 43rd (Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire) Light Infantry, and a cup presented by the 2nd Battalion The Rifle Brigade for owner of the winning horse.

For horses, the bona-fide property of, or hired chargers of, Regular Serving Officers, or seconded from the 43rd Light Infantry and the 2nd Battalion The Rifle Brigade, which has been regularly and fairly hunted with any recognized pack of hounds (including Military Drag Hounds) during the season 1927-28. In the case of Drag-Hounds, a C.O.'s certificate is required.

To be ridden by those qualified to enter, but at least six horses and riders of each team to be serving with the Battalion at home or at the Dépôt.

Unlimited entries for each team allowed, but not more than eight to start. Weight—12 st. 7 lb. or over.

Horses to have been the property of Officers qualified to enter since 1 February 1928. Previous winners of Point-to-points will not be penalized.

Winners of any Steeplechases (including Military) and Horses that have been in a Training Stable since 1 January 1928 excluded.

Scoring: 1st past the post 16 points; 2nd past the post, 15 points; 3rd past the post, 14 points, and so on. The team with the most number of points to be the winner.

All horses of each team finishing within two minutes of the winner count.

In the event of a tie on points, the team having the winning horse to be considered the winners; in the event of a tie on points and a dead-heat for the first place, the team having the second to be the winners.

To be ridden in Hunting Kit (43rd, Red Coats; Rifle Brigade, Black Coats).

2ND BATTALION THE RIFLE BRIGADE.

1. Major R. L. Collins' *Hereford* (G.C. 58345), East Essex, b.g., aged (Mr. G. C. Troyte-Bullock).
2. Lieut.-Col. J. P. G. Crosbie's *Evangeline*, Bicester, gr.m., aged (Capt. D. Guthrie).
3. Mr. J. C. Garnett's *Thistle*, East Essex, b.m., aged (Mr. D. J. Purdon).
0. Mr. L. M. B. Rathbone's *Jimmy*, Dumfriesshire, b.g., aged (Owner).
0. Capt. E. S. B. Williams' *Fanlight*, East Essex, b.g., aged (Mr. C. Congreve).
0. Capt. F. T. Hill's *Brown Bread*, East Essex, b.rm., aged (Mr. R. Poole).
0. Mr. P. S. Curtis' *Geisha II*, Cottesmore, b.m., aged (Owner).
0. Capt. F. E. A. Fulford's *Silvo* (G.C. 69170), Tiverton, gr.g., aged (Owner).

THE 43RD LIGHT INFANTRY TEAM.

0. Major A. E. Sanderson's *Conqueror* (Army No. 67987), Isle of Wight, b.g., aged (Mr. J. P. A. G. Graham).
0. Major A. E. Sanderson's *Happy Days*, South Oxfordshire, b.g., aged (Mr. C. Clifton).
0. Major A. E. Sanderson's *Sportsman XII*, South Oxfordshire, r.g., aged (Mr. M. H. S. Last).
0. Mr. R. H. Doayne's *Ferryman*, Cheshire, b.g., aged (Owner).

0. Major R. J. Brett's *Surprise* (Army No. 71810), Isle of Wight, b.g., aged (Capt. J. W. Meade).
0. The Hon. C. B. A. Barnard's *Tarmac*, Isle of Wight, b.g., aged (Owner).
0. Mr. J. S. R. Edmund's *Jarge*, Waddon Chase, b.g., aged (Mr. H. J. C. Ducat-Hamersley).
0. Capt. S. C. P. Slattery's *Bumble Bee*, Isle of Wight, b.g., aged (Mr. P. C. Boilleau).

FOOTBALL.

1ST BATTALION.

THE beginning of the Football season of 1928 found us still in Landi Kotal, and in spite of the difficulty of obtaining the practice necessary to train a team, we decided to enter for the Peshawar District Tournament in which we met with a fair measure of success. In the First Round of the Peshawar Group we met the Peshawar District Signals and defeated them comfortably, 3-1. In the next round we met the 6th Armoured Car Company, R.T.C., against whom we were equally successful, winning 3-1. This qualified us for the Final of the Peshawar Group, where we played against the 2nd Bn. K.O.Y.L.I. After two tremendous games, both of which were drawn, we managed to beat them 2-0 in a very even game. Our next game in this tournament was against the Nowshera Group winners, the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards. Playing at Nowshera, we were defeated 6-3. It was a great pity to be thus beaten after going so far in the tournament, and there is no doubt we would have done far better in the final match if we had had the facilities for practice at Landi Kotal.

After this tournament we had little football until the Battalion arrived at Jullundur, early in March. The barracks at Jullundur are well equipped with football grounds, there being a very good mutty ground for the battalion, and each company has a ground of its own. In spite of the difficulty of finding suitable opposition the Battalion Team managed to put in a good deal of practice before going to Lahore for the District Tournament. Here we were unlucky in meeting the Seaforth Highlanders in the 1st Round. They were a fast and clever team and played much more together than the Battalion side, with the result that they beat us fairly easily 3-1.

The following week we played in the Lahore Trades Cup and managed to beat the Royal Fusiliers from Ambala 2-1. The next round we met a most determined team in the Lahore R.A.F. Park. Though the total strength of this unit is under half that of an infantry battalion they always turn out a useful side, and it was not until we had drawn with them three times that we finally beat them 4-1. This qualified us for the semi-final round, where we met the D.L.I. from Sialkot. In this match our team appeared to

be entirely disorganized, and playing a long way below their best form they were beaten easily 4-1.

With the coming of the hot weather and the move to the hills we were unable to get the Battalion side together owing to the Battalion being split up into three detachments, nevertheless, a lot of platoon and company football was played. In the first half at Dalhousie the Signallers won a well-deserved victory in the garrison Platoon Cup, finally beating a strong team from Divisional Headquarters by 3-1.

During the second half the Band were successful in a similar tournament, beating the Machine Gunners 4-1.

In the meanwhile there had been plenty of football on the plains, where the Battalion had detachments at Amritsar and Jullundur. Though the standard of play was seldom high, there was no lack of players, and these games played an important part in keeping the men fit during the particularly trying hot weather.

After the move down to the plains there was little time for football, as the Battalion were fully occupied in packing up for manœuvres, nevertheless, when we arrived in concentration camp at Amritsar, we found that Sirdar Makhan Singh, the detachment contractor, had kindly presented a cup for an inter-company football tournament, to be played for during our stay in camp at Amritsar. Owing to shortness of time this was made into a Knock-out Competition, and altogether was a great success. In the First Round "B" Company beat "C" Company 4-0, and "I" Company beat "A" Company 4-1. In the Semi-Final "C" Company beat "HQ" Wing 1-0 and thus qualified to meet "I" Company in the Final. The Final game was a tremendous struggle, and produced one of the best games of company football imaginable. "C" Company always looked dangerous, but, like so many amateur sides, failed in front of goal. "I" Company were a slightly more experienced team, and with their forwards rather better together won convincingly 3-1. It is no exaggeration to say that a better game of football was not seen during the season within the Battalion. After the game the Colonel gave away the Cup to the winning team and thanked Sirdar Makhan Singh for his kindness in presenting the Cup.

After this tournament football was at a standstill till manœuvres were over. We arrived back at Jullundur early in December and immediately started the annual platoon tournament. As usual, this produced plenty of good football. No. 1 Platoon stood out as the best team, but they never really got together, and, playing well below their best form, they were beaten by No. 11 Platoon in the Semi-Final. The Final was played on Christmas Eve between No. 15 Platoon and No. 11 Platoon, No. 15 winning 3-1.

With regard to the future, the outlook is not too bright, as we lose several of our best and most experienced players, nevertheless, there is no lack of promising material, and we hope to be able to

turn out a useful team again when it comes to the Lahore Trades Cup, in March.

2ND BATTALION.

1927-28.

Most of the preliminary results appeared in last year's edition of the CHRONICLE. Of the concluding results published below, the most outstanding are the winning of the Essex and Suffolk Border League and the Worthington-Evans Cup, both for the second year in succession. The Fourth-Round Match of the Army Cup which we lost to the Grenadiers, was also a fine and even match. The arrival of some two hundred and fifty Grenadiers as spectators on our home ground helped to provide the right balance of support for a "needle match."

Boys' Army Cup.—4th Round (Home): Battalion Boys v. 11th Hussars. Battalion won 1-0.

5th Round (Away): Battalion boys v. 1st Battalion Lincoln Regiment. Battalion won 4-1.

Semi-Final: Battalion Boys v. 1st R. Inniskilling Fusiliers. Battalion lost 1-6.

Army Cup.—4th Round: Battalion v. Grenadiers. Battalion lost 4-6.

Border League.—Final League Table. Season 1927-28.

Division I (Seniors).

Division 1 (Semi-pro).

					Goals.			
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.	
2nd Battalion The Rifle Brigade..	20	17	2	1	89	30	35	
Crittall's Athletic	20	15	3	2	82	22	32	
Harwich and Parkeston	20	12	6	2	89	50	26	
Parkeston Railway	20	11	8	1	68	54	23	
Severall's Athletic	20	11	8	1	62	61	23	
Clacton Town	20	10	10	0	61	52	20	
Brantham Athletic	20	8	11	1	67	72	17	
Stowmarket	20	6	11	3	52	69	15	
Sudbury Town	20	5	12	3	38	83	13	
Haverhill Rovers	20	5	14	1	57	98	11	
Long Melford	20	2	17	1	37	111	5	

Worthington-Evans C.C. Cup.—Battalion v. Crittall's Athletic. Battalion won 6-3.

Colchester Hospital Cup.—Battalion Reserves v. Suffolk Regiment. Battalion lost 0-3.

Harwich C. Cup.—Semi-Final: Battalion v. H.M.S. "Ganges," Battalion won 7-3.

Final: Battalion v. Harwich and Parkeston. Battalion lost 2-3.

Pearsons C. Cup.—1st Round : Battalion *v.* Queen's Bays. Battalion won 4-2.

Semi-Final : Battalion *v.* 4th Div. R.C. of Signals. Battalion won 3-2.

Final : Battalion *v.* Colchester Town. Battalion lost 0-3.

Garrison Senior League, Colchester.—The Battalion won the League without losing a match.

Garrison Boys' League.—The Battalion Boys were runners-up in this League.

The Battalion players were as follows :—Corpl. Day, Sergt. Wilkins, Rfn. Potts, Rfn. Graham, Corpl. Garrett, Sergt. Norton, Sergt. Edwards, Bdsm. Ward, Rfn. Howe, Sergt. Fry (Capt.), Rfn. Hunt, Corpl. Walbridge, and Sergt. Isherwood.

Our chief goal-scorer was Sergt. Fry, who was well supported by the other members of the team.

The Battalion Company League was again won by H.Q. Wing, the remaining companies hardly being able to give them a game.

1928-29.

The side has been nearly the same as last year, but we have suffered a slight change of fortune.

Sergt. Fry has, as usual, been a tower of strength, but the loss of Day from goal just before the final of the Worthington-Evans Cup was a vital matter to us. Even so, we lost a great match only by the odd goal after extra time. Day has gone to Thornycrofts, where he expects to continue his football activities. We wish him luck.

The Officer who runs the football has modestly requested that no eulogy of his efforts shall be published this year. In complying with his request we refer our readers to what was said about him in last year's CHRONICLE.

Amateur Cup.—We did not survive the 1st Round. Coming straight from manœuvres and playing Stowmarket at home we lost 2-4.

Army Cup, Boys'.—1st Round : Battalion Boys *v.* 1st Suffolk Regiment. Battalion lost 1-5.

Army Cup.—1st Round at Woolwich : Battalion *v.* 2nd T. Brigade R.A. Battalion won 4-3.

2nd Round at Colchester : Battalion *v.* Depot R.A. Battalion lost 0-4.

Essex Senior Cup.—1st Round : Battalion *v.* 7th Hussars. Won. 7th Hussars scratched.

2nd Round : Battalion *v.* Walthamstow Avenue (away). Won 3-2.

Harwich C. Cup.—1st Round : Battalion *v.* H.M.S. "Ganges" (away). Battalion lost 3-4.

Braintree C. Cup.—Semi-Final : Battalion *v.* 7th Hussars, Braintree. Battalion won 8-3.

Worthington-Evans Charity Cup.—Semi-Final: Battalion v. 1st Essex Regiment (home). Battalion won 7-2.

Final: Battalion v. Colchester Town (home). Battalion lost 3-4.

CRICKET.

1ST BATTALION.

SINCE leaving Landi Kotal we have not had a great deal of cricket, owing to manœuvres, the hot weather and the fact that there is no ground at Dalhousie.

"B" Company played a certain amount of cricket against the Amritsar Gymkhana, whilst stationed there, and had several matches. The great trouble with cricket during the hot weather is that once a match is started one side may very easily stay in for a week, as the hours of play are so very limited. People very soon get bored with fielding for this length of time.

We have just entered for the Jamasjee Cup and the Punjab Commission Cup, both of which we should do well in. Our team has improved considerably since last year, as Moore-Gwyn and Garmoyle have joined us. Of course, losing Graham has dropped our bowling to an absolute minimum. We must hope for some more talent from the 2nd Battalion.

2ND BATTALION

THE greater part of the Battalion fixtures for 1928 consisted of matches played in the Colchester and District Cricket League, a competition open to military and civilian teams with the restriction that the former may only play three officers. For the second year in succession the Battalion won the competition and challenge cup with the excellent record of Played 12, Won 9, Lost 1, Drawn 2.

There can be no question that we had a good all-round side, but our success was mainly due to the excellent bowling of C.S.M. Partridge and Sergeant Hardman. The nature of their work may be judged by the fact that they took respectively 44 and 41 wickets, whereas the next most successful bowler only secured 16 victims. Our batting, too, was considerably stronger than that of most of our opponents. Teddy Williams, when he could play, usually made a century or thereabouts, while other prolific scorers were Archie Tod, Curtis, Foley, C.S.M. Grinter and Sergeant Wilkins. Among the younger players A/Corporal Lewis and Bandsman Edge did well and should make plenty of runs with more experience. Outside the League fixtures only two other matches were played. The first was against Frinton-on-Sea. For military reasons we could not take our strongest XI, which was unfortunate, as Frinton had a strong team, especially as regards batsmen. We batted first and did quite well to make 177, of

which Curtis and Foley each made 50 odd, leaving them two hours to make the runs. Some very dashing hitting was seen and eventually they scored 165 for 6 wickets. It was entirely due to our keen and active fielding that our opponents didn't make the runs and many of the onlookers were kind enough to congratulate us on the number of runs we saved in the field.

The other fixture outside League games was when eleven officers enjoyed the delightful hospitality of Lord Liverpool at Hartsholm Hall, Lincoln, and played against his team. Our opponents had some good batting, so we were lucky to get them out for 197. Their bowling, however, was not so strong and we made 355, Williams 123, Anson 57, Curtis 34, being the chief scorers. This is the third year of this fixture, and we all hope it will become an annual event. Nothing could be more enjoyable than playing cricket under such conditions. The Company Cricket Shield was played under League conditions; B Company (Capt. Williams) was successful, closely followed by H.Q.Wing. The games were mostly well contested, but frequently spoilt by the bad pitches on which company games in Colchester generally have to be played.

GOLF.

THE REGIMENTAL ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Fifth Annual Meeting was held as usual at Littlestone by kind permission of the Littlestone Golf Club, and took place on 19 and 20 May. The weather was good and not too cold.

Thirty members attended.

T. Brand was abroad and unable to defend his title for the Regimental Challenge Statuette, while Davison also was unable to attend.

The programme of events was the same as in previous years: a Medal Round Handicap being played on Saturday morning, the first eight of which qualified for a Match Play competition.

Results were as follows:—

Player's Name.	Gross Handicap	Net.
Capt. F. H. Tudor-Owen . . .	82	— 10 = 72
J. C. Rushbrooke . . .	85	— 11 = 74
M. F. Buller . . .	85	— 9 = 76
Lt.-Col. A. Kennard . . .	96	— 20 = 76
Lt.-Col. S. Davenport . . .	87	— 11 = 76
W. P. S. Curtis . . .	85	— 8 = 77
Capt. Sir R. Gull . . .	86	— 8 = 78
A. C. Gore . . .	80	— 1 = 79
Brig.-Gen. R. Haig . . .	86	— 7 = 79
R. V. Toynbee . . .	87	— 8 = 79
Lt.-Col. V. W. Prescott-Westcar . .	94	— 15 = 79

Player's Name.	Gross Handicap	Net
Lt.-Col. E. Morrison-Bell . . .	93	— 13 = 80
Lt.-Col. J. Innes . . .	89	— 8 = 81
Major S. Trafford . . .	91	— 10 = 81
L. Whitaker . . .	90	— 8 = 82
Lt.-Col. F. Basset . . .	94	— 11 = 83
Lt.-Col. F. Burnell-Nugent . . .	96	— 12 = 84
Capt. H. R. Price . . .	100	— 15 = 85
Lt.-Col. R. Verney . . .	101	— 15 = 86
Capt. C. de L. Leach . . .	94	— 8 = 86
Lt.-Col. Hon. E. Coke . . .	102	— 15 = 87
Major H. G. Parkyn . . .	101	— 13 = 88
Brig.-Gen. The Earl of Lucan . . .	104	— 16 = 88
Col. Hon. R. Brand . . .	105	— 13 = 92
Capt. T. Fairfax-Ross . . .	103	— 10 = 93
G. G. Rivière . . .	105	— 11 = 94

The positions of the members of the Committee, Haig, Toynbee, Parkyn, Lucan, Brand and Rivière, will by some players be noted with satisfaction.

The Scratch Cup was won by A. C. Gore with 80, the prize for the last 9 holes by Colonel S. Davenport, and the Handicap prize by Captain F. H. Tudor-Owen, with Rushbrooke second.

The Match Play Competition for the Regimental Statuette commenced on Saturday afternoon and continued on Sunday ; the Competition being played on full difference of handicap.

Results were as follows :—

First Round :

A. C. Gore (1) beat Capt. Sir R. Gull, Bart., (8) 6 and 4. J. C. Rushbrooke (11) beat Capt. F. H. Tudor-Owen (10) 2 up after being 5 down at the turn. Lt.-Col. S. Davenport (11) beat M. F. Buller (9) 4 and 3. Lt.-Col. A. Kennard (20) beat W. P. S. Curtis (8) 7 and 6.

Second Round :

Rushbrooke beat Gore 2 up. This was a good performance as Gore was round in 72.

Davenport beat Kennard 4 and 3.

Final :

Davenport beat Rushbrooke 1 up.

The Bogey Foursomes were won by Lt.-Col. V. Prescott-Westcar (15) and Lt.-Col. W. F. Basset (11) with 2 up, the next pair, Major S. Trafford (10) and Capt. P. G. Mayer (18), being 4 down.

The Bogey Singles Handicap was won by M. F. Buller with 2 up, Lt.-Col. W. F. Basset being second with all square.

It is a regrettable fact that the Hon. Secretary was disqualified in the Bogey Singles Competition from being second, thereby doing

away with the only chance of a member of the Committee appearing among the prize-winners.

The Eclectic was won by M. F. Buller with 67, Tudor-Owen being second with 68, Curtis 69, Basset 72.

The meeting concluded on Sunday evening and is said to have been enjoyed by members other than the Committee.

During the year the following matches were played :—

Match played at Stoke Poges on 4 March against the Old Wykehamists Golfing Society.

SINGLES.

R.B.C.G.S.		O.W.G.S.	
R. V. Toynbee	0	V. S. Maxwell (3 and 1) . .	+
Brig.-Gen. R. Haig . . .	0	F. S. A. Baker (4 and 2) . .	+
Lt.-Col. C. M. Davies . .	0	J. W. Fisher Beaumont (3 and 1)	+
G. G. Rivière (6 and 5) .	+	L. C. G. Booth	0
Colonel W. E. Davies . . .	0	C. B. Maxwell (6 and 4) . .	+
Lt.-Col. W. F. Basset (2 up)	+	M. Patten	0
Colonel Hon. R. Brand . .	0	W. R. Bayley (7 and 6) . .	+
Major H. G. Parkyn (2 and 1)	+	F. R. Roe	0
Total	3	Total	5

FOURSOMES.

Toynbee and Haig	0	Maxwell and Baker (6 and 5)	+
Davies and Davies	0	Beaumont and Maxwell (3 and 1)	+
Rivière and Brand	0	Booth and Patten (1 up) . .	+
Basset and Parkyn	0	Bayley and Roe (1 up) . .	+
Total	0	Total	4
	3		9

Match played at Worplesdon on 18 March against a side of Old Etonians.

SINGLES.

R.B.C.G.S.		O.E.G.S.	
Lt.-Col. C. M. Davies . . .	0	G. D. Hannay (4 and 3) . .	+
Brig.-Gen. R. Haig	0	R. Twining (1 up)	+
R. V. Toynbee (1 up) . . .	+	G. G. Rivière	0
Colonel W. E. Davies . . .	0	G. D. Hoare (6 and 4) . .	+
Lt.-Col. W. F. Basset . . .	0	G. Ackroyd (5 and 4) . .	+
Lt.-Col. E. Morrison-Bell (9 and 8)	+	Hon. J. Bingham	0
Colonel Hon. R. Brand . . .	0	Lt.-Col. Hon. E. Coke (2 up)	+
Major H. G. Parkyn (5 and 4)	+	Lt.-Col. G. W. Liddell . .	0
Total	3	Total	5

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FOURSOMES.

Davies and Haig	0	Hannay and Twining (3 and 2)	+
Toynbee and W. E. Davies .	0	Hoare and Ackroyd (1 up) .	+
Basset and Parkyn	0	Bingham and Liddell (3 and 1)	+
Morrison-Bell and Brand (2 up)	+	Coke and Riviere	0
<hr/> Total		1	
		4	
		<hr/> Total	
		3	
		<hr/> 8	

Match played at Camberley Heath on 27 March against the Staff College.

SINGLES.

R.B.C.G.S.		STAFF COLLEGE.	
Brig.-Gen. R. Haig (2 and 1)	+	Capt. W. A. M. Stawell .	0
Lt.-Col. C. M. Davies (7 and 5)	+	Lt.-Col. H. E. Franklyn .	0
Capt. C. Norbury (5 and 4)	+	Capt. E. W. D. Vaughan .	0
Col. W. E. Davies (2 and 1)	+	Major D. H. Mead	0
Lt.-Col. E. Morrison-Bell .	0	Major-General C. W. Gwynn	
Capt. Sir R. Gull, Bart. (3 and 1)	+	(2 up)	+
Major H. G. Parkyn (9 and 7)	+	Capt. A. C. Curtis	0
		Capt. A. F. P. Christison .	0
Major S. Trafford (9 and 7)	+	Comd. C. S. Sandford . .	0
<hr/> Total		7	
		<hr/> Total	
		1	

Match played at Stoke Poges 22 April against the Frilford Heath Golf Club.

SINGLES.

R.B.C.G.S.		FRILFORD HEATH G.C.	
Lt.-Col. C. M. Davies	0	J. L. S. Vidler (3 and 1) .	+
Brig.-Gen. R. Haig	0	W. Harvey (2 and 1) . .	+
G. G. Rivière (4 and 3) . .	+	J. R. Pate	0
Capt. Sir R. Gull, Bart. (halved)	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. A. B. Whitelocke (halved)	$\frac{1}{2}$
Colonel W. E. Davies (halved)	$\frac{1}{2}$	Borgnis (halved)	$\frac{1}{2}$
Lt.-Col. W. F. Basset (1 up)	+	Dunne	0
Col. The Hon. R. Brand . .	0	F. R. Roe (5 and 3) . . .	+
Lt.-Col. E. W. Morrison-Bell	0	Capt. Wickham (4 and 2) .	+
Brig.-Gen. The Earl of Lucan (7 and 5)	+	H. R. Peake	0
Lt.-Col. R. Verney	0	H. J. Hart (5 and 3) . .	+
<hr/> Total		4	
		<hr/> Total	
		6	

FOURSOMES.

Davies and Haig	0	Pate and Whitelocke (3 and 2) +	
Rivière and Gull	0	Vidler and Harvey (6 and 5) +	
Davies and Basset (1 up) .	+	Bognis and Dunne	0
Brand and Morrison-Bell		Wickham and Roe (halved)	$\frac{1}{2}$
(halved)	$\frac{1}{2}$		
Lucan and Verney	0	Peake and Hart (6 and 5) .	+
Total	$1\frac{1}{2}$	Total	$3\frac{1}{2}$
	<hr/> 5 $\frac{1}{2}$		<hr/> 9 $\frac{1}{2}$

Match against R.A.M.C. at Worplesdon on 24 April.

SINGLES.

R.B.C.G.S.		R.A.M.C.	
Capt. W. A. M. Stawell . .	0	General Fawcus (2 and 1) +	
Capt. C. C. Norbury . . .	0	Major Mitchell (2 up) . .	+
Colonel W. E. Davies (5 and 4)	+	Major Ryan	0
Capt. E. W. D. Vaughan		Major Foster (halved) . .	$\frac{1}{2}$
(halved)	$\frac{1}{2}$		
Capt. J. West	0	Major Ballingall (5 and 4)	+
Lt.-Col. W. F. Basset . . .	0	Major O'Brien (1 up) . .	+
Lt.-Col. E. Morrison-Bell		Major Lloyd (halved) . .	$\frac{1}{2}$
(halved)	$\frac{1}{2}$		
Major H. G. Parkyn (halved)	$\frac{1}{2}$	Major Houghton (halved) .	$\frac{1}{2}$
Total	$2\frac{1}{2}$	Total	$5\frac{1}{2}$

FOURSOMES.

Stawell and Norbury (halved)	$\frac{1}{2}$	Fawcus and Mitchell (halved)	$\frac{1}{2}$
Davies and Vaughan . . .	0	Ryan and Foster (6 and 5) +	
West and Basset	0	Ballingall and O'Brien (4	
Morrison-Bell and Parkyn (3		and 3)	+
and 1)	+	Lloyd and Houghton . .	0
	<hr/> 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Total	$2\frac{1}{2}$
Total	<hr/> 4		<hr/> 8

Owing to two players falling out at the last moment Stawell and Vaughan from the Staff College became Temporary Riflemen for the day. Vaughan, now Indian Cavalry, had served with the 2nd Battalion before the War.

In April a side stayed with Trafford at Wrexham and played two matches, and were successful in beating the Royal Cromer G.C., but suffered a severe defeat from the R. Norwich on the 28th.

SINGLES.

R.B.C.G.S.		R. NORWICH G.C.	
A. C. Gore	0	Lt.-Col. A. W. Tate (5 and 4) .	+
Major S. W. Trafford . . .	0	E. J. Bullard (6 and 5) .	+
J. T. Whitaker	0	A. C. Hepburn (4 and 3) .	+
Lt.-Col. F. Burnell-Nugent .	0	F. R. McBride (4 and 1) .	+
R. D. Poole (4 and 2) . . .	+	Major S. B. Winch . . .	0
Lt.-Col. E. Morrison-Bell .	0	S. F. Gill (4 and 3) . . .	+
<hr/> Total		<hr/> Total	
1		5	

Played at Cromer on 29 April.

SINGLES.

R.B.C.G.S.		ROYAL CROMER G.C.	
A. C. Gore (4 and 2) . . .	+	W. H. Williamson . . .	0
Major S. W. Trafford (3 and 2)	+	Brig.-Gen. Clemson . . .	0
J. T. Whitaker (4 and 3) .	+	E. M. Haurell	0
R. D. Poole	0	Sir R. Wigan (3 and 1) .	+
Lt.-Col. E. Morrison-Bell (4		Dr. D. Hart	0
and 2)	+		
Lt.-Col. F. Burnell-Nugent (3		Lord Suffield	0
and 1)	+		
<hr/> Total		<hr/> Total	
5		1	

FOURSOMES.

Gore and Trafford (7 and 5)	+	Williamson and Clemson . .	0
Whitaker and Poole (1 up).	+	Haurell and Wigan . . .	0
Morrison-Bell and Burnell-		Hart and Suffield. . . .	0
Nugent (2 and 1) . . .	+		
<hr/> Total		<hr/> Total	
3		0	
<hr/> 8		<hr/> 1	

The tour was much enjoyed, even by those who were beaten.

Played at West Byfleet on 31 April in bad weather against the Royal Navy and Royal Marine Golf Society.

SINGLES.

R.B.C.G.S.		R.N. AND R.M.G.S.	
Lt.-Col. C. M. Davies . . .	0	Lt.-Comd. H. McMaster (4 and 3)	+
G. G. Rivière	0	Inst.-Lt.-Comd. A. F. Akhurst (3 and 2)	+
Capt. C. C. Norbury (4 and 3) .	+	Comd. R. C. Bayldon . . .	0
Col. W. E. Davies (halved) . .	$\frac{1}{2}$	Capt. K. Brounger (halved) .	$\frac{1}{2}$
Col. The Hon. R. Brand . . .	0	Comd. M. E. S. Boissier (2 and 1)	+
Lt.-Col. E. Morrison-Bell . . .	0	Pay Captain Jenkin (5 and 4) .	+
Major H. G. Parkyn (2 and 1) .	+	Lt.-Comd. G. E. L. Atwood . .	0
Brig.-Gen. The Earl of Lucan (halved)	$\frac{1}{2}$	Lt.-Comd. K. W. Newall (halved)	$\frac{1}{2}$
Total	3	Total	5

FOURSOMES.

Davies and Rivière (halved) .	$\frac{1}{2}$	McMaster and Akhurst (halved)	$\frac{1}{2}$
Norbury and Davies	0	Bayldon and Brounger (2 up) .	+
Brand and Morrison-Bell (halved)	$\frac{1}{2}$	Boissier and Jenkin (halved) .	$\frac{1}{2}$
Parkyn and Lucan	0	Attwood and Newall (3 and 2) .	+
Total	1	Total	3
	4		8

The two first couples failed to face the rain in the foursomes and retired after a few holes.

Match against the Old Harrovians Golf Society played on handicap at Worplesdon on 13 May.

SINGLES.

R.B.C.G.S.		OLD HARROVIANS G.S.	
Col. W. E. Davies (8) (8 and 6) .	+	G. P. Bird (2)	0
Capt. C. de L. Leach (8) . . .	0	H. L. Q. Henriques (5) (4 and 3)	+
Lt.-Col. W. F. Basset (10) (1 up)	+	H. Hargreaves (5)	0
Major H. G. Parkyn (13) (3 and 1)	+	R. E. Morrison (5)	0
Capt. H. R. Price (15)	0	G. N. Railton (13) (3 and 2) .	+
Lt.-Col. R. Verney (15) (halved)	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. Barter (9) (halved) . . .	$\frac{1}{2}$
Brig.-Gen. The Earl of Lucan (15) (halved)	$\frac{1}{2}$	Capt. A. G. Herbert (14) (halved)	$\frac{1}{2}$
Lt.-Col. C. Shawe (16)	0	G. A. Thomas (10) (1 up) . .	+
Total	4	Total	4

FOURSOMES.

Leach and Basset . . .	0	Henriques and Morrison (4 and 3) . . .	+
Davies and Parkyn (8 and 7) . . .	+	Bird and Railton . . .	0
Price and Verney . . .	0	Hargreaves and Herbert (4 and 3) . . .	+
Lucan and Shawe . . .	0	Barter and Thomas (4 and 3) . . .	+
Total . . .	1	Total . . .	3
	5		7

Match played at Worplesdon on 7 October against the Old Wykehamists Golf Society on handicap.

SINGLES.

R.B.C.G.S.		O.W.G.S.	
Capt. K. L. Stewart (N.Z.S.C.) (4) . . .	0	A. G. Macdonell (4) (1 up) . . .	+
M. F. Buller (8) (1 up) . . .	+	P. A. Macgregor (8) . . .	0
Colonel W. E. Davies (8) . . .	0	L. C. G. Booth (5) (1 up) . . .	+
Lt.-Col. E. Morrison-Bell (13) (5 and 4) . . .	+	M. O. B. Hill (7) . . .	0
Major H. G. Parkyn (13) (7 and 5) . . .	+	W. Macgregor (8) . . .	0
Captain H. R. Price (15) . . .	0	M. Patten (8) (5 and 4) . . .	+
Col. Hon. R. Brand (15) . . .	0	A. F. Roe (12) (6 and 5) . . .	+
Capt. P. G. Mayer (18) . . .	0	W. E. Bayley (12) (1 up) . . .	+
Total . . .	3	Total . . .	5

FOURSOMES.

Stewart and Buller . . .	0	Macdonell and Macgregor (5 and 3) . . .	+
Davies and Price . . .	0	Booth and Patten (1 up) . . .	+
Morrison-Bell and Brand . . .	0	Hill and Roe (1 up) . . .	+
Parkyn and Mayer . . .	0	Macgregor and Bayley (3 and 2) . . .	+
Total . . .	0	Total . . .	4
	3		9

On 14 October at Ifield the Society played the newly-formed 60th Golfing Society. Four of the Regiment's players fell out a few days before the match and their places were filled with difficulty. A very severe defeat was sustained.

SINGLES.

R.B.C.G.S.		60TH G.S.	
Hon. T. Brand	0	Capt. G. Mellor (2 and 1)	+
R. V. Toynbee (2 and 1)	+	Lt.-Col. S. Mellor	0
W. P. S. Curtis	0	Capt. J. Cheney (6 and 5)	+
J. C. S. Rushbrooke	0	Hon. D. Trench (6 and 4)	+
Major H. G. Parkyn (1 up)	+	Major G. R. Dubs	0
Lt.-Col. E. Morrison-Bell . .	0	Lt.-Col. T. Harker (4 and 2)	+
Col. Hon. R. Brand	0	Lt.-Col. H. O. Curtis (4 and 2)	+
Lt.-Col. A. C. H. Kennard . .	0	R. Villiers (3 and 1)	+
Total		2	Total 6

FOURSOMES PLAYED ON HANDICAP.

Brand (4) and Toynbee (6)	0	Mellor (1) and Mellor (3) (2 and 1)	+
Curtis (8) and Rushbrooke (8)	0	Cheney (6) and Trench (6) (2 and 1)	+
Parkyn (13) and Morrison-Bell (13)	0	Dubs (7) and Harker (8) (2 and 1 on 9 holes)	+
Brand (15) and Kennard (18)	0	Curtis (8) and Villiers (9) (5 and 4)	+
Total		0	Total 4
		2	10

Match played at Bramshot on 28 October against the Staff College.

SINGLES.

R.B.C.G.S.		STAFF COLLEGE.	
Hon. T. Brand	0	Capt. E. C. Beard (6 and 4)	+
Capt. G. Earle	0	Major E. P. Nares (4 and 3)	+
M. F. Buller	0	K. L. Stewart (2 and 1)	+
G. G. Rivière	0	Major D. S. Davidson (1 up)	+
Major H. G. Parkyn	0	Lt.-Col. H. O. Curtis (3 and 1)	+
Lt.-Col. E. Morrison-Bell (7 and 5)	+	Capt. W. R. Beddington . .	0
Col. Hon. R. Brand (2 and 1)	+	Capt. W. A. Ebsworth . . .	0
Capt. J. Taylor (halved)	$\frac{1}{2}$	Capt. E. G. Earle (halved)	$\frac{1}{2}$
Total		2 $\frac{1}{2}$	Total 5 $\frac{1}{2}$

FOURSOMES.

Earle and Rivière	0	Beard and Nares (2 up)	+
Brand and Buller (4 and 3)	+	Stewart and Davidson . . .	0
Parkyn and Taylor	0	Curtis and Earle (5 and 4)	+
Morrison-Bell and Brand (5 and 4)	+	Beddington and Ebsworth . .	0
Total		2	Total 2
		4 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$

THE ARMY GOLF MEETING.

The Army Championship Meeting was held at the Royal Lytham and St. Annes, commencing on 8 May.

The Regiment was represented by Gore, Rushbrooke, Whitaker, and Fairfax-Ross.

Gore, who won the Championship in 1926 and was runner-up last year to Davison, was defeated by J. V. C. Moberly (R.E.) by one stroke, Moberly's score being 71, 86 = 157, and Gore's 77, 81 = 158.

In the Inter-Regimental Team Match the results as affecting the Regiment were :

1ST ROUND.

THE RIFLE BRIGADE.		THE LOYAL REGIMENT.	
Lieut. A C. Gore . . .	3	Lt.-Col. N. Green . . .	0
Lieut. J. C. S. Rushbrooke	0	Lieut. H. C. D. Huxham . .	2
Lieut. W. P. S. Curtis . .	2	Capt. J. Lindsell . . .	0
Capt. T. Fairfax-Ross . .	6	Capt. W. H. Anderson . .	0
<hr/> Total		<hr/> Total	
	11		2

2ND ROUND.

THE RIFLE BRIGADE.		THE COLDSTREAM GUARDS.	
Lieut. L. I. T. Whitaker . .	0	Capt. Sir G. F. N. Palmer . .	5
Lieut. A. C. Gore . . .	3	Lieut. W. L. Steele . . .	0
Lieut. W. P. S. Curtis . .	5	Capt. R. V. Martyn . . .	0
Capt. T. Fairfax-Ross . .	0	Capt. W. A. C. Wilkinson . .	4
<hr/> Total		<hr/> Total	
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BOXING.

1ST BATTALION.

VERY little boxing has been done during the past twelve months owing to the Battalion being split up between Jullundur, Amritsar and Dalhousie. While "A" and "B" Companies and part of "H.Q." Wing were at Dalhousie a Boxing Tournament was arranged between them and the 1st Bn. The Hampshire Regiment. The general performance of our boxers was distinctly good. All the boys of the Battalion showed great promise and should train on into useful boxers.

The Inter-Company Boxing of the Battalion Shield takes place in January, followed by the Lahore District Boxing Tournament and the Burt Institute Boxing Tournament. We have not been able to enter a team, but Corpl. Spratt, A/Corpl. Phillips, A/Corpl.

Webb, Rfn. Webb and Rfn. Sullivan have all been entered for the individual events.

2ND BATTALION.

We have had a successful year boxing. Great keenness has been displayed, and the sport has come to stay.

At the Garrison Novices' Meeting nineteen entered from the Battalion. On the final night twelve of our men were boxing, and we eventually won four weights and were runners-up in five. Out of twelve prize-winners, nine were Riflemen.

A/Corporal A. Martin was very successful in the Army Amateur Individuals, being beaten in the Final of the Feather-Weights by the holder (Sergt. Beale). He has fought for the Army on three different occasions since.

Lieutenant King-Salter was also selected to fight for the Army against Cambridge University.

In the Garrison Open Individual Championships, we won three weights and were runners-up in two others. The Boys won three weights and runner-up in one other at the same meeting.

We held a Battalion Novices' Meeting early in the season and an Open Meeting later on. Both were very successful and we found considerable promising talent.

The Garrison Inter-Unit Team competition was a great success. After four nights' hard fighting we beat the 17th Field Brigade Royal Artillery in the Final, thereby winning the Cup open to the Garrison.

Numerous applications for individual members of the Battalion to box at outside meetings have been received, and Sergeants Jones and Giles, Corporals Spratt, Martin, Watson and Horrigan, and Rifleman Warwick have many fights to their credit.

We entered again for the Army Team Championship this year. We drew a Bye in the First Round and fought the Coldstream Guards in the Second Round at Windsor on 17 December. The result was a win for the Guards by 24 points to 20. The contests were mainly even and although we could not find a third Officer we had a good chance of winning.

Riflemen are always at a disadvantage against Guardsmen owing to their build. The Guards in nearly every case on this occasion had the advantage in height and reach by several inches. Nevertheless there were some excellent fights. We publish results below :

Officers :

Heavy ..	..	Lieut. Milbanke. Lost on Points.
Middle ..	..	2nd-Lieut. Anson, Won on Points.
Welter ..	..	No Officer.

Other Ranks :

Heavy ..	..	Rfn. Lester. Lost, K.O., 2nd Round.
Lt. Heavy ..	..	A Cpl. McCarthy. Lost, K.O., 1st Round.
1. Middle	..	Sgt. Giles. Lost on Points.
2. "	..	A Cpl. Lake. Won on Points.
1. Welter	..	Sgt. Jones. Lost on Points.
2. "	..	A Cpl. Horrigan. Lost on Points.
3. "	..	Rfn. Pointing. Won on Points.
1. Light	..	Cpl. Watson. Won on Points.
2. "	..	Cpl. Smith. Lost on Points.
3. "	..	Rfn. Warwick. Won on Points.
Feather	..	A Cpl. Martin. Won K.O., 1st Round.
Bantam	..	Rfn. Biggs. Lost on Points.

On 20 and 21 November the Garrison Inter-Unit Team Novices was held. In this the Suffolk Regiment sprang a surprise on us and we won only the featherweight by Rfn. Cooper. In fact, we were last on total points.

Rfn. Elstob, though beaten in the Final of the Bantam Weights, put up a magnificent fight. At the end of each round he was helped to his corner in a semi-conscious condition ; by dint of applying all the restoratives known to ingenious seconds, he was brought round and fought so gallantly as to merit the special congratulations of the Brigadier.

HOCKEY.

1ST BATTALION.

DURING the short time that the Battalion were still at Landi Kotal this year, the Company and Platoon Competitions were held. "I" Company and "H.Q." Wing were left in the Final of the former ; after a very close game "I" Company were defeated by 2 goals to 0. The Platoon Competition saw the Band winning from No. 13 Platoon by 2 goals to 1.

As will be seen elsewhere, the Battalion, shortly after arriving at Jullundur, was split up, "A" and "B" Companies remaining at Jullundur and Amritsar respectively, whilst "C" and "I" Companies took the first half of the summer at Dalhousie.

Throughout the summer in the plains companies played hockey almost daily, and any station or bazaar teams were welcomed, no matter how little skill they possessed ; the great object was to get exercise.

At Amritsar, Khalsa College and the Civil Police were often played, but the latter were our most common and sporting rivals. They own a grass ground, which was extensively used during the latter half of the season when the hay crop was over.

Though the change from mutty to grass temporarily upset our

teams, the grass ground was a very pleasant change. Mention should here be made of the Superintendent of the Amritsar Police at Amritsar, Mr. Hamilton-Harding, who, in addition to a severe dose of overwork during the summer months, always found time to arrange and personally umpire nearly every match that was played between us. His presence on the ground and the fact that he held an umpire's certificate made all matches most sporting and keenly contested. Hockey at Amritsar thrived during the summer in spite of there being no other military stationed there.

At Jullundur during the latter half of the summer, the Military Hospital organized a Platoon Knock-out Tournament for all teams remaining in the Station. "H.Q." Wing employed team reached the Semi-Final, but after a replay were beaten by the B.I.T. Company.

At Dalhousie there is only one indifferent hockey ground for the use of the whole station, and the congestion of troops stationed there made very few practice games possible.

Station Inter-Platoon and Company tournaments, however, were organized. Those competing were the Hampshire Regiment, a detachment of the Tank Corps, and ourselves.

Two lots of tournaments were held, one during the first and one during the second half of summer.

All our companies figured in the Semi-Finals and the Finals, and the Hampshire Regiment were in almost every case our opponents.

During Manœuvres in November several teams in the Battalion played hockey against the Schools of the villages or towns near the Battalion Camp, and these games seemed to cause great amusement to the local population, who, on one occasion, performed a comic war-dance on the ground, waving sticks and giving loud war-cries between intervals of embracing each other—the reason for this display was that one hero had scored a goal against us.

Generally speaking, the hockey in the Battalion during the last year has been more in the nature of company and platoon games and matches. The Battalion team was unable to enter for a tournament of any magnitude owing to being at Landi Kotal until March, by which time all big tournaments are finished and over.

It is hoped that before we break up for the summer several tournaments will be entered for both locally and perhaps in Lahore or elsewhere.

2ND BATTALION.

Hockey is still at rather a low ebb in the Battalion, and, in spite of much practice, we do not seem to be able to find much new young talent.

The team has certainly improved this year by the inclusion of young players, but we are still not up to the right standard, which happens to be rather high in Colchester.

In the Eastern Command Cup the Battalion Team lost to the

Essex in the Second Round, and in the Garrison League we finished third.

In the Garrison Company Knock-out H.Q. 1, the holders, lost in the Semi-Final after a most exciting match, in which they did everything but score.

We have still two good teams left in the competition this year and we have distinct hopes.

The Battalion Company League was won by H.Q. 1, who did not lose a match.

We have lost three illustrious players during the past season in Curtis, Tryon and C.S.M. Partridge, who has given up the game, but their places have gallantly been filled by C/Sergt. Hardman, A/Corpl. Strickland and Bandsman Harvey.

SPORT.

2ND BATTALION.

SWIMMING.

Swimming has grown in popularity, and Riflemen are the principle users of the Garrison Baths.

At the Garrison Meeting on 17 July 1928, the Battalion won by about 60 points ; more than the total score of any other unit.

Five units competed. So many people swam well that to select names for special mention is very difficult.

The Relay was the most exciting race of the day, won by a touch only.

Corporal Watson in the last length but one and Rfn. Freeman in the last length made up several yards.

Sergeant Giles is to be congratulated on winning again the Aggregate Diving Championship of both the Garrison and the Army.

LAWN TENNIS.

The Colchester Lawn Tennis Tournament took place in July and drew a large number of entries from the Garrison.

Williams and Anson represented the Battalion in the Regimental Doubles, but were beaten by the Suffolk Regiment in the 2nd Round.

Gore, Curtis, Poole and Clarke all played in some of the Individual Events.

Gore won the Handicap Singles.

Curtis and Mrs. Hill reached the Semi-Final of the mixed Handicap Doubles, and Gore and Mrs. Gore were beaten in the Final.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING.

Training began seriously about the second week in January. On 18 January the race for the Gough Shield was run ; "A"

Company won. Corporal Walbridge and Rfn. Bradley came in together as individual winners. On 28 February the Garrison run was held and our extra fitness enabled us to win the Cup and just beat the Suffolk Regiment, who beat us last year.

In the Command Race the Tanks and Beds and Herts beat us fairly easily into third place. This at first surprised us, but we realized before very long that it was our true form.

In the Army Championship we found the hilly course very gruelling after the flats of Essex and we came in no nearer than eleventh.

The D.C.L.I. again showed us what a splendid team they have—they won their fourth consecutive victory with half the total of their nearest opponents. For us, Bradley ran consistently well in every race. He was eighteenth in the Army in spite of a streaming cold. With eleven other people of his class we should give the D.C.L.I. a race.

BAYONET FENCING.

In February we had an Individual Competition which was divided into two Classes—Old and Young Soldiers.

Among the “Old Soldiers” great keenness was displayed; the winner being A/Corpl. Lake, and the runner-up A/Corpl. McCarthy.

In the “Young Soldiers” Class Rfn. Lester was winner, with Rfn. Goldfinch runner up.

The Battalion Team did even better than last year, and won the Garrison Inter-Unit Team Championship. In the Eastern Command Tournament we again reached the Final, but were beaten by the Lincolnshire Regt., the ultimate winners of the Army Championship.

In the “Old Soldiers” Individual Championship, Sergeant G. Jones, D.C.M., gained second place, while Rfn. Lester, a promising youngster, was second in the “Young Soldiers” Class.

We sent a team of 1 Officer and 8 O.R.'s to fence the L.R.B., and were beaten by five fights to four. The team is looking forward to this event next year, when it hopes to avenge this defeat.

Much of the team's success has been due to the keenness and instruction of Fry and Sergeant G. Norton, who has been ordered to India. Our thanks are also due to Sergeants Jones and Beebe, who have given of their time and service willingly and cheerfully.

STATEMENT SHOWING INCREASE AND DECREASE OF THE RIFLE BRIGADE FOR THE YEAR 1928.

Compiled by MR. H. LAMOND.

Total effective Strength (excluding Officers) on 1 January 1928, 1,703.

Recruits Joined	305
Joined from Desertion	2
Transfers from other Corps	6
From Army Reserve	1
From Territorial Army Permanent Staff	4
From Supernumerary Strength	5
Total Increase	323
Died	—
Discharged :—	
After 21 Years	11
" 18 "	1
On completion of service	2
Invalids	13
By Purchase	13
Free by Indulgence	11
Not likely to become efficient	14
Services no longer required	2
Misconduct	2
Miscellaneous	5
	74
Deserters	17
To Army Reserve	206
Transfers to other Corps	13
To Territorial Army Permanent Staff	2
To Supernumerary Strength	8
Other Causes	1
Total Decrease	321
Net Increase	2

Total effective Strength (excluding Officers) on 1 January 1929, 1,705.

REGIMENTAL STATE.

1 January 1929.

Compiled by MR. H. LAMOND.

Unit	Station	Officers	W.O.'s	S. Sergts. and Sergts.	Cpls.	Buglers	Riflemen	Total
1st	Jullundur	26	8	32	45	17	850	952
2nd	Colchester	26	10	27	41	13	434	525
Depôt	Winchester	7	3	10	12	2	196	223
Total		59	21	69	98	32	1,480	1,700

With Shanghai Defence Force : 5 Riflemen. Total, all Ranks = 1,705.

EXTRACT FROM OFFICIAL ARMY LIST, DECEMBER 1928.

THE RIFLE BRIGADE (PRINCE CONSORT'S OWN).

Rifle Depôt:

Winchester.

"Copenhagen," "Monte Video," "Roliça," "Vimiera," "Corunna," "Busaco," "Barrosa," "Fuentes d'Onor," "Ciudad Rodrigo," "Badajoz," "Salamanca," "Vittoria," "Pyrenees," "Nivelle," "Nive," "Orthes," "Toulouse," "Peninsula," "Waterloo," "South Africa, 1846-7, 1851-2-3," "Alma," "Inkerman," "Sevastopol," "Lucknow," "Ashantee, 1873-4," "Ali Masjid," "Afghanistan, 1878-9," "Burma, 1885-87," "Khartoum," "Defence of Ladysmith," "Relief of Ladysmith," "South Africa, 1899-1902."

The Great War—21 Battalions.—"Le Cateau," "Retreat from Mons," "Marne, 1914," "Aisne, 1914, '18," "Armentières, 1914," "Neuve Chapelle," "Ypres, 1915, '17," "Gravenstafel," "St. Julien," "Frezenberg," "Bellewaarde," "Aubers," "Hooge, 1915," "Somme, 1916, '18," "Albert, 1916, '18," "Bazentin," "Delville Wood," "Guillemont," "Flers-Courcelette," "Morval," "Le Transloy," "Ancre Heights," "Ancre, 1916, '18," "Arras, 1917, '18," "Vimy, 1917," "Scarpe, 1917, '18," "Arleux," "Messines, 1917," "Pilckem," "Langemark, 1917," "Menin Road," "Polygon Wood," "Broodseinde," "Poelcappelle," "Paschendale," "Cambrai, 1917, '18," "St. Quentin," "Rosières," "Avre," "Villers Bretonneux," "Lys," "Hazebrouck," "Béthune," "Drocourt-Quéant," "Hindenburg Line," "Havrincourt," "Canal du Nord," "Selle," "Valenciennes," "Sambre," "France and Flanders, 1914-18," "Macedonia, 1915-18."

Agents—Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Cox's & King's Branch.

Regimental Journal—The Rifle Brigade Chronicle, 32, Eccleston Square, London, S.W.1.

Regimental Association—Riflemen's Aid Society, 32, Eccleston Square, London, S.W.1.

Regular and Militia Battalions.

Uniform—Green. Facings—Black.

1st Bn. (Rifle Brigade)...	Jullundur and Amritsar.	5th Bn. (Q.O. R. Tower Hamlets Mil.) ..	Winchester.
2nd, " "	Colchester.	6th " (K.O. Tower Hamlets Mil.) ..	Winchester.
	Depôt, Record and Pay Office ..		Winchester.

Allied Regiment of Canadian Militia (Permanent Force).

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Winnipeg, Man.

Allied Regiments of Canadian Militia.

The Winnipeg Rifles. Winnipeg, Man.
1st British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own) Vancouver, British Columbia.

Allied Battalion of Australian Infantry.

Melbourne University Rifles Melbourne University.

Allied Regiment of Union of South Africa Defence Force.

1st Infantry (Durban Light Infantry) Durban.

Allied Regiment of Ceylon Defence Force.

Ceylon Planters' Rifle Corps Colombo.

Colonel-in-Chief.

Field-Marshal H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., K.T., K.P., G.C.B., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O., G.B.E., V.D., Col. Gren. G'ds. and R.A.S.C., Col.-in-Chief H.L.I. and R.A.M.C., Personal A.D.C. to the King.
29 May 80

Colonels Commandant.

Wilson, Lt.-Gen. Sir Henry F. M., K.C.B., K.C.M.G., ret. pay 2nd Bn. 17 June 21
Couper, Maj.-Gen. Sir Victor A., K.C.B., ret. pay 1st Bn. 17 June 21

Officer Commanding Rifle Depôt .. Willan, Col. F. G., C.M.G., D.S.O. .. 15 Nov. 28

1st and 2nd Battalions (Regular).

Majors—contd.

Captains—contd.

Captains—contd.

<p><i>Lt.-Colonels</i> (2). Burnell-Nugent, F. H., D.S.O., O.B.E. (2) 3 June 27 Wilson, H. M., D.S.O., p.s.c. (1) 15 June 27 1 Jan. 19</p> <p><i>Majors</i> (8). Follett, R. S., D.S.O., p.s.c. (1) 1 Sept. 15 bt. Lt.-col. 3 June 19 Crosbie, J. P. G., D.S.O. (2) 18 May 16 bt. Lt.-col. 3 June 19 Tod, A. A. (2) 18 May 16 (1) Downes, O. C., D.S.O., M.C., (s.c.) 22 Oct. 17</p>	<p>Moore-Gwyn, H. G., D.S.O., M.C., (s.c.) (1) 1 Oct. 24 (2) Eastwood, T. R., D.S.O., M.C., p.s.c., s. 3 June 27 bt. Lt.-col. 4 June 27 Collins, R. L. H., (2) d. 15 June 27 (3) Reeve, J. T. W., D.S.O., p.s.c., s. 15 Mar. 15</p> <p><i>Captains</i> (14). Campbell, H. F. (1) 16 Mar. 15 bt. maj. 1 Jan. 19 (4) Alston, W. H. S., M.C., p.s.c., s., asst. mil. attaché 30 Apr. 15 bt. maj. 3 June 19</p>	<p>Prideaux-Brune, D. E., D.S.O. (2) 10 May 15 bt. maj. 3 June 16 Williams, E. S. B., p.s.c. 15 June 15 (5) Stopford, M. G. N., M.C., p.s.c., s. 5 July 15 Graham, O. B., D.S.O. (1) d. 15 Sept. 15 Hodson, Sir Edmond A., Bt., D.S.O. (2) d. 23 July 16 Baird, R. D., M.C. (1) 1 Jan. 17 (6) Hoskyns, C. B. A., s. 1 Jan. 17 Massy-Beresford, T. H., M.C. (1) p.s.c. 11 Feb. 17</p>	<p>(7) Douglas, A. S. G., O.B.E., a.m. 16 Mar. 17 Hubble, H., M.C. (1) 31 July 17 Norcott, H. B. (2) 22 Aug. 17 (8) Bosville, T. J. B., M.C., t. 24 Mar. 21 Hill, F. T. (2) 1 Apr. 21 (9) Bridgeman, R. C., M.C., s.c.s. 1 Apr. 21 Warren, C. P., M.C. (2) 22 June 21 Cave, F. O., M.C. (1) 28 Sept. 21 Knollys, V. C. (1) 11 Feb. 22 Renton, J. M. L., O.B.E. (1) 1 Oct. 24 Fulford, F. E. A. (2) 1 Oct. 24 (10) Harvey, N. R., t. 14 May 27</p>
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<i>Lieutenants.</i>		<i>Lieutenants—contd.</i>		<i>Lieutenants—contd.</i>		5th Battalion (Militia).
Coghill, H. (1) 31 Mar. 28		Rogers, W. E. (2)		Treneer-Michell, E.		<i>Hon. Colonel.</i>
(11) <i>Carlisle, W. J., M.C.,</i>		Starkey W. R. (d.),		D. (1) 23 Dec. 23		<i>Lyttelton, Gen. Rt.</i>
M.M., t. 31 Mar. 28		<i>Adjt.</i> 3 May 26)		Richardson, F. D.		Hon. Sir Neville G.,
		16 July 21		(1) 31 Aug. 24		G.C.B., G.C.V.O.,
		Bathbone, L. M. B.		Paley, A. G. V. (2)		ret. pay 11 Aug. 14
<i>Subalterns Lieutenant.</i>		(2) 16 July 21		Tryon, R. G. L. (1)		<i>Lt.-Colonel.</i>
Fry, E. W. L. (2)		Hopkinson, H. S. P. (2)		1 Feb. 25		<i>de la Chapelle, X. R.</i>
22 Feb. 19		16 July 21		1 Feb. 25		A. (Hon. Capt. in
(12) <i>Brierley, H., M.C.,</i>		<i>Hamilton-Russell,</i>		Congreve, A. C. J.		<i>Army</i>) 30 Apr. 18
t. 25 Feb. 19		A. G. L. (2)		(1) 30 Aug. 25		
Allan, A. W. (2)		<i>Adjt.</i> 16 July 21		Thornton, F. L. (1)		
21 June 19		Rushbrooke, J. C.		3 Feb. 27		<i>Major.</i>
(13) <i>Gordon-Duff, J. B.,</i>		S. (1) 16 July 21		Stephens, F. (1)		<i>Blacker, F. St. J.,</i>
s. 21 June 19		Troyte-Bullock, G.		3 Sept. 27		D.S.O. 30 Apr. 18
Garnett, J. C. (2)		V. (2) 16 July 21				<i>Captains.</i>
21 June 19		King-Salter, E. J.		2nd Lieutenants.		
(14) <i>Blockley, N. R., c.o.</i>		C. (2) 17 Dec. 21		Foley, H. T. H. (2)		
12 Sept. 19		Clarke, E. N. (2)		25 July 26		
<i>Macgeorge, R. A.</i>		<i>Lytton-Milbanke,</i>		Wilbraham, T. R.		(21) <i>× Parkyn, H. G.,</i>
(1) <i>adjt.</i> 24 Oct. 19		Hon. N. A. S. [2]		(1) 30 Aug. 26		O.B.E. (Empld. Staff
Cosby, E. A. S. [1]		17 Dec. 21		Garmoyle, <i>The Visct.</i>		Coll.) 1 Jan. 08
24 Oct. 19		McGaw, A. J. T. (1)		(1) 29 Jan. 27		<i>bt. maj.</i> 1 Jan. 19
Newton, J. G. (1)		17 Dec. 21		Whitaker, L. I. T. (1)		<i>× Lascelles, Hon. E. C.,</i>
21 Feb. 20		Holroyd, C. I. P.		2 Feb. 28		D.S.O., M.O. 29 Dec. 14
Curtis, W. P. S. (2)		(1) 17 Dec. 21		Anson, H. E. [2]		<i>bt. maj.</i> 1 Jan. 19
d. 21 Feb. 20		Gore, A. C. (2)		2 Feb. 28		<i>× Campbell, G. V.,</i>
des Graz, E. P. A.		17 Dec. 21		<i>Adjutants (2).</i>		M.C. 23 July 15
[1] (2) 21 Feb. 20		Purdon, D. J. (2)		Hamilton-Russell,		6th Battalion (Militia).
Gwynne, D. R. H.		16 July 22		A. G. L., <i>lt.</i> (2)		<i>Captains.</i>
(2) [1] 21 Feb. 20		Hicks, K. B. (1)		21 Jan. 27		
(15) <i>Taylor, J. A., M.C.,</i>		16 July 22		Macgeorge, R. A.,		<i>× Skeggs, R. O., M.C.</i>
t. 29 Feb. 20		(18) <i>Perceval-Maxwell,</i>		<i>lt.</i> (1) 12 June 28		1 Jan. 17
Turner, V. B. (1)		E. N., c.o. 16 July 22		<i>Quarter-Masters (3).</i>		<i>× Townshend, F. C.</i>
20 Dec. 20		(19) <i>Brush, E. J. A. H. c.o.</i>		Godden, F. P., <i>lt.</i>		1 Jan. 17
(16) <i>Shepherd-Cross, T.</i>		16 July 22		d. 26 Jan. 25		Supplementary Reserve.
R., a.m. 20 Dec. 20		<i>Buckley, E. G., (2)</i>		Sandy, A., M.C.,		<i>Category B.</i>
Poole, R. D. D. (2)		14 July 23		D.C.M., <i>lt.</i> (2)		<i>2nd Lieutenant.</i>
20 Dec. 20		Tothill, F. C. D. (1)		30 May 25		Sanderson, J. S.,
(17) <i>Hunt, G. H., s.</i>		14 July 23		Cooper, W. B., <i>lt.</i>		21 July 28
Brooksbank, W. E.		(20) <i>Festing, F. W., s.</i>		(1) 28 June 26		
C. (2) 20 Dec. 20		23 Dec. 23				

REFERENCE KEY.

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| (1) G.S.O. 2nd Grade, Malta.
(2) G.S.O. 2nd Grade, Staff College.
(3) D.A.A.G., War Office.
(4) Asst. Military Attaché, Washington.
(5) Brigade Major, 11th Infantry Brigade.
(6) Asst. Military Secretary, Malta.
(7) D.A.A.G., Iraq Levies.
(8) Adjutant, 28th London Regiment, T.A.
(9) Student, Staff College.
(10) Adjutant, 11th London Regiment, T.A.
(11) Adjutant, 17th London Regiment, T.A. | (12) Adjutant, 5th City of London Regiment (L.R.B.), T.A.
(13) A.D.C., Viceroy and Governor-General, East Indies.
(14) Regimental Officer, 2nd Battalion K.A.R.
(15) Adjutant, 12th London Regiment, T.A.
(16) Regimental Officer, Iraq Levies.
(17) A.D.C., G.O.C.-in-C., Southern Command.
(18) Regimental Officer, 4th Battalion K.A.R.
(19) Regimental Officer, 4th Battalion K.A.R.
(20) A.D.C., Commander 3rd Division.
(21) Librarian, Staff College. |
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REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

THE RIFLE BRIGADE.

Class I.								
Lt.-Colonels.								
✕ Meade-Waldo, E. R., D.S.O. t.a.	4 Mar. 19		✕ Hollowell, F.	21 Apr. 21		✕ Hopkins, K. H., M.C.	29 July 21	
✕ Shawe, C., C.B.E.	24 June 19		✕ Brand, Hon. T. H.	17 Dec. 21		✕ Philipps, J. E. T., M.C., f.o.	8 Nov. 21	
✕ Mostyn-Owen, R. A., D.S.O.	8 Aug. 19		✕ Leggett, H. E.	19 Oct. 22				
✕ Breckon, J., D.S.O.	12 Dec. 19		✕ Cox, W. F. H.	25 Oct. 22				
✕ Ovey, D., D.S.O.	21 Jan. 20		Class II.			Lieutenants.		
✕ Davies, C. M., D.S.O.	27 Feb. 20		Lt.-Colonels.			✕ Robson, G. A., M.C.	30 Aug. 16	
✕ Pleydell-Railston, H. G. M., D.S.O.	11 June 20		✕ Manningham-Buller, Sir Mervyn E., Bt., m.p.	3 Feb. 16		✕ Buller, M. F.	7 Nov. 16	
✕ Richardson, H. S. C.	15 July 20		✕ Prioleau, R. U. H., M.C.	10 Aug. 19		✕ Roberts, J.	11 Feb. 17	
✕ Sutton-Nelthorpe, O., D.S.O., M.C.	22 Oct. 20		✕ Boscawen, Hon. M. T., D.S.O., M.C.	18 Jan. 20		✕ Pilcher, D. H.	11 Feb. 17	
✕ Kewley, E. R., D.S.O., M.C. (s.c.)	22 Feb. 21		✕ Byrne, G. B., O.B.E.	13 Apr. 20		✕ Blisshopp, D. W., c.o.	27 Mar. 17	
✕ Liddell, G. W., D.S.O.	9 Mar. 21		✕ Morgan-Grenville-Gavin, Hon. T. G. B., D.S.O., M.C.	15 Mar. 21		✕ Cox, T.	1 July 17	
✕ Sturgis, H. R.	24 Mar. 21		✕ Sloggett, A. J. H., D.S.O.	5 May 21		✕ Evans-Freke, Hon. R.	1 July 17	
✕ Verney, R., C.I.E.	18 June 21		✕ Gathorne-Hardy, Hon. N. C., D.S.O.	23 Nov. 21		✕ Barker, C. W.	22 Sept. 17	
✕ Riley, H. L., D.S.O., O.B.E. (Maj. 5 Bn. Border R.)	19 June 21		✕ McGrigor, Sir Charles C., Bt., O.B.E.	6 Sept. 22		✕ Widdis, G. R.	22 Sept. 17	
✕ Prescott-Westcar, W. V. L., D.S.O.	25 Sept. 21		Majors.			✕ Read, J. A.	27 Sept. 17	
✕ Lane, G. E. W.	8 Jan. 16		✕ Somerville, H. F., D.S.O.	2 July 15		✕ Birch, A. W. F. C., M.C.	7 Oct. 17	
Majors.			✕ Weld-Forrester, Hon. E. A. C. (S.C.)	1 Sept. 15		✕ Davis, J. H. T.	27 Nov. 17	
✕ Ailwyn, The Lord, D.S.O., M.C., p.s.c.	19 Jan. 26		✕ Baring, T. E., O.B.E.	1 Sept. 15		✕ Priddon, G.	28 Dec. 17	
✕ Donaldson, E. P.	13 May 19		✕ Walpole, R. S. H.	4 Jan. 17		✕ Cohen, H. W.	10 Jan. 18	
✕ Mansel, R. C.	25 May 19		✕ Tennyson, Hon. L. H.	19 July 18		✕ Hobbs, L.	30 Jan. 18	
✕ Murray, S. W., D.S.O., D.C.M.	29 Jan. 20		✕ Johnstone, H.	21 June 19		✕ Wright, F. W.	20 Feb. 18	
✕ Alexander, M., M.C. (s.c.)	14 Apr. 21		✕ Kennedy-Cochran-Patrick, W. J. C., D.S.O., M.C.	9 July 19		✕ Barker, H. A.	27 Apr. 18	
✕ Chichester-Constable, R. C. J., D.S.O., p.s.c. (Maj. R. Tank Corps T.A.), t.a.	23 Aug. 21		✕ Cavendish, A. L. C.	24 Jan. 20		✕ Love, A. B.	14 June 18	
✕ Bridgeman, R. O., Bt.- Major	20 Dec. 14		✕ Edwards, B. M. M., M.C. (Maj. R.A., T.A.)	20 Jan. 21		✕ Brooker, F. J.	14 June 18	
Captains.			✕ Hardy, H. H., M.B.E.	15 Oct. 21		✕ Harvey, F. S.	19 June 18	
✕ Dunlop, G. B.	25 Oct. 15		Captains.			✕ Bonnick, T. G., M.M.	15 July 18	
✕ Fairfax Ross, T., M.C.	30 Jan. 17		✕ Trafford, S. W. J., t.a.	20 Sept. 13		✕ Jackson, W. J.	15 July 18	
✕ Sherston, G. W., M.C. (s.c.)	11 Feb. 17		✕ Earle, G. F.	5 July 15		✕ Wadnaby, A., D.C.M.	15 Aug. 18	
✕ Birkbeck, R. I. V., M.C.	23 Mar. 17		✕ Marshall, F. H. J., O.B.E.	16 May 16		✕ Briggman, W.	24 Sept. 18	
✕ Temperley, C. E., O.B.E., M.C.	31 July 17		✕ Austin, A. E., O.B.E.	27 June 16		✕ Pinnock, L., M.M.	24 Sept. 18	
✕ Turing, Sir R. A. H., Bt.	31 July 17		✕ Huyshe-Eliot, G. H.	11 Feb. 17		✕ Foot, J. C. C.	27 Sept. 18	
✕ Naumann, J. H.	31 July 17		✕ Pumfrey, R.	14 Oct. 17		✕ Lund, J. E.	1 Nov. 18	
✕ Davison, J. A., M.C.	16 June 19		✕ Holmes & Court, R. W. H.	18 June 19		✕ King Harman, L. M.	1 Nov. 18	
✕ Abbey, J. R.	8 Aug. 19		✕ Layton, H. F., M.C.	3 Aug. 19		✕ Harris, W. H., M.C.	27 Dec. 18	
✕ Ries, H. N.	14 Sept. 19		✕ Palk, R.	7 Dec. 19		✕ Curtis, E. L.	27 Dec. 18	
✕ Gage, W.	1 Jan. 20		✕ Collins, W. L. D.	22 Feb. 20		✕ Baker, G. W.	27 Dec. 18	
✕ Boyle, C. N. C., M.C.	19 Jan. 20		✕ Fowler, W. *	11 Mar. 20		✕ Ball, T. F.	28 May 19	
✕ Cairnes, D. S.	22 Jan. 21		✕ Chillum, C.	27 May 20		✕ Lowder, P.	28 May 19	
✕ Berkeley, R. C., M.C.	13 Apr. 21		✕ Kibbey, F. V., M.C.	24 June 20		✕ Bell, V. J.	21 June 19	
✕ Riddett, A. C., D.C.M.	21 Apr. 21		✕ Wheeler, V. J., M.C.	14 July 20		✕ Smith, H. C.	30 July 19	
✕ West, J. M. (Maj. O.T.C.)	25 Aug. 21		✕ Saunders, A. E., D.C.M.			✕ Dease, E. J.	12 Oct. 19	
Lieutenants.			(Qr.-Mr. & Lt. 1 Bn. Mon. R.)*	22 Sept. 20		✕ Jackson, J. A. S.	24 Oct. 19	
✕ Welsford, R. A. H.	9 May 17		✕ Shaw, W. J., M.C.	14 Oct. 20		✕ Douglas, D. S. W.	21 Feb. 20	
✕ O'Brien, Hon. D. E. F.	7 Oct. 17		✕ Anderson, G. H. G., D.S.O., M.C.	23 Nov. 20		✕ Kersley, F. J.	8 Mar. 20	
✕ Macgeorge, J. B.	7 Oct. 17		✕ Daddson, R. T., O.B.E.	3 Dec. 20		✕ Hearn, W. H., M.C., M.M.	28 Dec. 20	
✕ Fyers, Fitz R. H.	21 June 19		✕ Billyard-Leake, C. R., M.C.	15 Jan. 21		✕ Leckle, T. R.	5 Feb. 21	
✕ Plunket, The Lord	24 Oct. 19		✕ Barnes, F.	12 Mar. 21		✕ Abercrombie, H. M.	9 Mar. 21	
✕ Savill, J. A.	26 Dec. 19		✕ Curtis, A. H., M.C., D.C.M.	4 Apr. 21		✕ McAllister, A.	1 July 21	
			✕ Gribble, D. S.	14 May 21		✕ Lethbridge, H. W.	11 June 25	
						2nd Lieutenants.		
						✕ Bosanquet, N. E. T.	14 Oct. 05	
						✕ Whiteman, C. F., M.C., M.M.	3 Dec. 17	
						✕ Atterton, F.	12 Jan. 18	
						✕ Martin, J. W.	27 Feb. 18	
						✕ Lizardi, S.	12 Apr. 18	
						✕ Gladstone, M. E.	24 Apr. 18	
						✕ Noble, C. A.	30 Apr. 18	
						✕ Willis, A. H.	25 June 18	
						✕ Peacocke, M. H.	20 Dec. 19	
						✕ Webster, A. F. L.	5 Nov. 18	
						✕ Skinner, W. M. R.	20 Dec. 19	
						✕ Johnstone, R.	7 Jan. 20	
						✕ Thompson, B. S.	18 May 20	
						✕ Bloore, F. W.	2 June 20	
						✕ Roper, W. J.	9 Mar. 22	

OFFICERS WHO HAVE LEFT THE REGIMENT AND WHERE EMPLOYED, DECEMBER 1928.

Major-General *Sir* J. T. Burnett Stuart, *K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., p.s.c.*, G.O.C. 3rd Division.
 Colonel J. L. Buxton, *C.M.G., D.S.O.*, A.A.G. Aldershot Command.
 Colonel J. Harington, *C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.*, Commander 139th (Sherwood Foresters) Infantry Brigade.
 Colonel (Temp. Brigadier) W. W. Pitt Taylor, *C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.D.C., p.s.c.*, Commander, 5th Infantry Brigade.
 Colonel E. B. Powell, *D.S.O., p.s.c.*, A.Q.M.G. Scottish Command.
 Lieut.-General *Sir* R. B. Stephens, *K.C.B., C.M.G., p.s.c.*, Director-General of the Territorial Army.
 Lieut.-General *Sir* Cameron D. Shute, *K.C.B., K.C.M.G., p.s.c.*, G.O.C.-in-C., Northern Command.
 Brigadier R. E. Solly-Flood, *C.M.G., D.S.O., p.s.c.*, Commander 8th (Bareilly) Infantry Brigade.
 Colonel J. A. W. Spencer, *C.M.G., D.S.O., p.s.c.*, A.A.G. War Office.
 Major J. H. Alldridge, *M.C., D.C.M.*, Retired Recruiting Officer, Oxford.

OFFICERS WHO HAVE LEFT THE REGIMENT DURING 1928.

Major The Lord Ailwyn, *D.S.O., M.C.*
 Captain T. Fairfax-Ross, *M.C.*
 Captain J. A. Davison, *M.C.*
 Captain R. Edwardes, placed on Half Pay, ill health.
 Captain R. I. V. Birkbeck, *M.C.*

NOMINAL ROLL OF WARRANT OFFICERS SERVING ON 1 JANUARY, 1929.

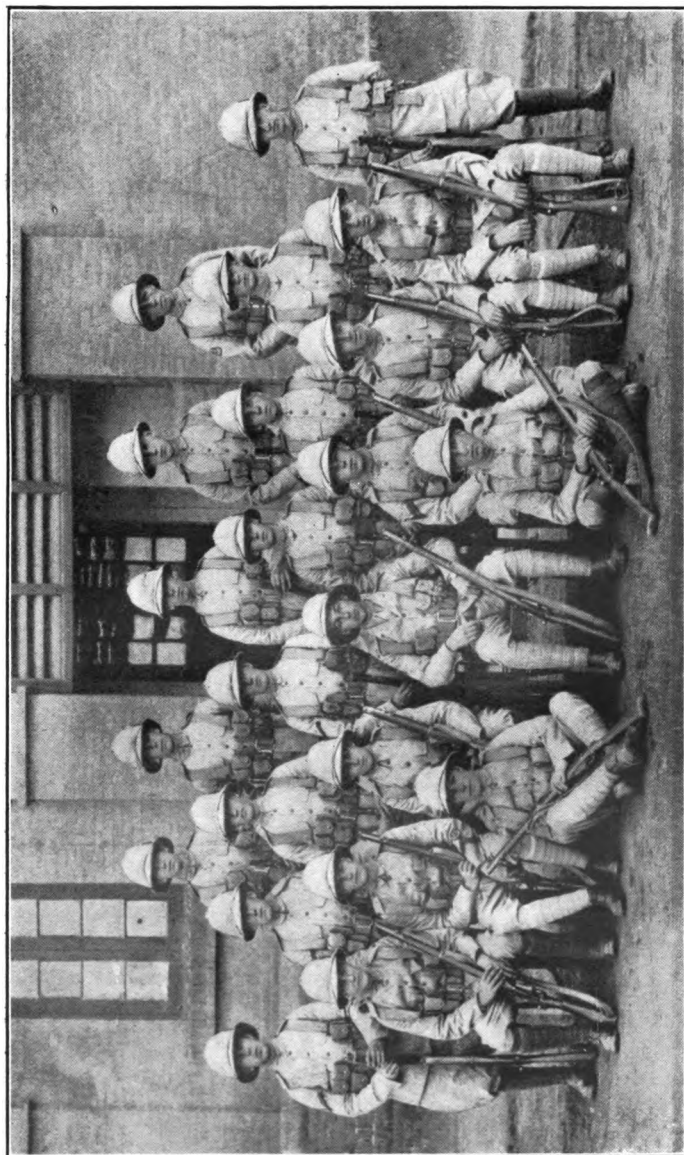
1ST BATTALION		2ND BATTALION	
6908170	R.S.M. W. Driscoll, <i>D.C.M.</i>	6905155	R.S.M. P. W. Wood
6837414	Bandm. E. Bethell	4792684	Bandm. G. Hardy
6905226	C.S.M. J. Miller	6905495	C.S.M. E. Partridge
6905767	C.S.M. R. Douche.	6905662	C.S.M. H. Grinter
6905113	C.S.M. G. West	6905317	C.S.M. H. Joyce, M.M.
6906380	C.S.M. J. Farrow	6905399	C.S.M. W. Wanstall
6905582	R.Q.M.S. G. Denyer	6906146	*C.S.M. H. Knott
6906794	Q.M.(O.R.S.) W. Straight	6905770	C.S.M. A. Moore
		6905435	R.Q.M.S. C. Wates
		6905225	Q.M.S.(O.R.S.) W. Aston

* C.S.M. H. Knott for 1st Bn.

RIFLE DEPÔT

6905242 R.S.M. W. Apsey, *D.C.M.*
 6905349 R.Q.M.S. A. Reed
 6905519 C.S.M. A. Wilkinson

1st BATTALION.



YOUNG SOLDIERS' TEAM.
1928.

RECORD OF SERVICE, 1928.

1ST BATTALION.

1 January.—Proclamation Parade.

2 January.—Lieutenant J. G. Newton rejoined from leave ex India.

7 January.—2nd-Lieutenant T. R. Wilbraham posted to 1st Battalion. Draft of 103 Other Ranks left England per H.T. "Somersetshire."

21 January.—Lieut.-Colonel H. M. Wilson, D.S.O., proceeded to Rawalpindi for Northern Command Manœuvres and command of Battalion devolved on Bt.-Lieut.-Colonel R. S. Follett, D.S.O.

27 January.—B.O. No. 2 of 27.1.28.

"The District Commander during his recent visit was very pleased with the general turn-out of the Battalion and he particularly commented on its smart appearance on the line of march. He considers that during the attack on the Bens all ranks moved very well over very difficult country."

29 January.—Lieut.-Colonel H. M. Wilson, D.S.O., reassumed command of the Battalion.

30 January.—2nd-Lieutenant T. R. Wilbraham and draft of 103 Other Ranks disembarked at Karachi and joined Battalion on 2 February.

31 January.—2nd-Lieutenant The Viscount Garmoyle posted to Battalion, and joined on 25 February.

11 February.—Lieutenant R. A. Macgeorge to ninety days' privilege leave ex India.

15 February.—Captain H. Hubble, M.C., to ninety days' privilege leave ex India.

18 February.—Results of Annual Classification of Signallers 1927/28 :—

Sending and Reading	..	..	..	..	99.72
Standard Tests	..	..	..	..	93.76
Figure of Merit	..	..	..	..	96.74

Remarks of Brigade Commander :—

"A very good report."

Remarks of District Commander :—

"Satisfactory."

Remarks of C.S.O. Command :—

"Highly efficient."

Lieut.-Colonel H. M. Wilson, D.S.O., having proceeded to Inter-

Brigade Manœuvres, Peshawar, command of Battalion devolved on Bt.-Lieut.-Colonel R. S. Follett, D.S.O.

27 February.—Lieut.-Colonel H. M. Wilson, D.S.O., resumed command of the Battalion.

1 March.—Captain J. M. L. Renton, O.B.E., posted to 1st Battalion, and joined on 1 April.

2 March.—Lieut.-Colonel H. M. Wilson, proceeded to Jullundur, command of Battalion devolved on Bt.-Lieut.-Colonel R. S. Follett, D.S.O.

7 March.—Draft of 66 Other Ranks left England per H.T. "Somersetshire," and joined Battalion on 1 April.

Captain T. H. Massy-Beresford, M.C., and Lieutenant R. G. L. Tryon posted to Battalion, and joined on 1 April.

8 March.—Battalion moved to Jullundur in two special trains, arriving on 9 March.

10 March.—Lieut.-Colonel H. M. Wilson, D.S.O., reassumed command of Battalion.

17 March.—Bt.-Major H. F. Campbell ceased to be attached to H.Q. Northern Command.

21 March.—2nd-Lieutenant The Hon. R. A. H. Plunkett, U.L.I.A., attached to Battalion.

26 March.—Captain R. D. Baird, M.C., appointed officiating G.S.O. 3 H.Q. Northern Command.

31 March.—Lieutenant A. J. T. McGaw to leave ex India until 1 November.

2 April.—Results of Signallers' collective tests for 1927/28 :—

(a) Suitability of Dispositions of Signalling Parties :—"Good. Backgrounds for v/t. Reserve of signallers kept in hand. Discipline, V. Good."

(b) Aptitude for gaining and maintaining communication :—"V.T. : Excellent. L.T. : The laying of cable should be speeded up and more attention paid to its safety."

(c) Reliability and speed in dealing with messages :—"Excellent."

(d) Uniformity of System :—"Main artery system used and understood."

(e) General efficiency in tactical signal work :—"A well-run system, efficient and elastic."

Remarks of Brigade Commander :—"This unit has always maintained excellent communication in the Field."

Remarks of G.O.C. Peshawar District :—"Quite satisfactory."

6 April.—Lieutenant F. C. D. Tothill to six months' leave ex India on M.C.

9 April.—Lieutenant E. D. Treneer-Michell to leave ex India until 16 June.

17 April.—Announcement of death from accidental injuries of Captain D. N. Guthrie received.

23 April.—Lieutenant V. B. Turner to sixty days' leave in India.

Captain F. O. Cave, M.C., to leave in and ex India until 23 December.

Best Platoon Shield for 1927/28 won by No. 6 Platoon.

28 April.—Lieutenant J. A. Taylor, M.C., granted extension of leave until 18 November.

30 April.—Bt.-Lieut.-Colonel R. S. Follett, D.S.O., to sixty days' leave ex India.

Bt.-Lieut.-Colonel T. R. Eastwood, D.S.O., M.C., to sixty days' leave in India.

Following cable sent to H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught, K.P., etc., Colonel-in-Chief :—

“ All ranks 1st Battalion send best wishes on your Birthday,” and the following reply was received :—

“ My grateful thanks to all ranks, Arthur.”

1 May.—Captain J. M. L. Renton, O.B.E., appointed S.S.O. 3rd Class Amritsar.

“ B ” Company moved to Amritsar for detachment duty.

2 May.—“ C ” Company moved by rail on 2 May to Pathankote, thence by road to Dalhousie, arriving 8 May.

3 May.—“ I ” Company moved by rail on 3 May to Pathankote, thence by road to Dalhousie, arriving 9 May.

8 May.—Lieut.-Colonel H. M. Wilson, D.S.O., assumed command of Dalhousie.

17 May.—Lieutenant F. D. Richardson to eight months' leave ex India.

21 May.—No. 15 Platoon 2nd in order of merit for the Roupell Cup Match (India), 1927/28, and awarded A.R.A. (India), Bronze Medals.

1 June.—Lieutenant K. B. Hicks to eight months' leave ex India.

4 June.—Lieut.-Colonel H. M. Wilson, D.S.O., ceased to command Dalhousie.

10 June.—Lieutenant J. G. Newton to thirty-six days' leave in India.

Results of 1927 A.R.A. Non-Central Matches (Abroad Series).

1ST BN. THE RIFLE BRIGADE.

The Queen Victoria Trophy :—

1st, 1st Bn. The Rifle Brigade.—Trophy and Silver Medals.

The King George Cup :—

1st, 1st Bn. The Rifle Brigade.—Cup and Silver Medals.

The Royal Irish Cup :—

10th, 1st Bn. The Rifle Brigade.

The Young Soldiers' Cup :—

3rd, 1st Bn. The Rifle Brigade,

The India Cup :—

8th, “ B ” Company,

The Company Shield :—

5th, "A" Company.

7th, "I" Company.

12th, "B" Company.

The Hopton Cup ;—

12th, No. 11 Platoon.

16th, No. 10 Platoon.

20th, No. 6 Platoon.

24th, No. 13 Platoon.

37th, No. 8 Platoon.

42nd, No. 7 Platoon.

48th, No. 3 Platoon.

The Machine Gun Cup ;—

11th, 1st Bn. The Rifle Brigade.

14th, 1st Bn. The Rifle Brigade (No. 2 Team).

12 June.—Lieutenant R. A. Macgeorge to be Adjutant, vice Lieutenant J. A. Taylor, M.C.

17 June.—Lieutenant G. H. Hunt seconded for service on the Staff.

21 June.—Bt.-Lieut.-Colonel T. R. Eastwood, D.S.O., M.C., rejoined Battalion from leave.

The following cablegram was sent to H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught, K.T., K.P., etc., Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment, on 19 July :—

"All ranks offer best congratulations on your completing sixty years' service,"

and the following reply was received :—

"Thanks all ranks congratulations to-day Anniversary.—Arthur."

7 July.—"C" Company left Dalhousie for Amritsar, arriving on 12 July.

"I" Company left Dalhousie for Jullundur, arriving on 13 July.

Lieut.-Colonel H. M. Wilson, D.S.O., proceeded to Ahmednagar on inspection duty. Command of Battalion devolved on Bt.-Lieut.-Colonel T. R. Eastwood, D.S.O., M.C.

10 July.—Lieutenant J. A. Taylor, M.C., seconded for service as an Adjutant (T.A.), 19 June.

Lieut.-Colonel R. S. Follett, D.S.O., granted extension of leave till 21 December on M.C.

11 July.—Captain J. M. L. Renton, O.B.E., relinquished appointment of S.S.O., Amritsar.

12 July.—Lieutenant R. G. L. Tryon appointed S.S.O. 3rd Class, Amritsar.

13 July.—"B" Company left Amritsar for Dalhousie, arriving on 16 July.

"A" Company left Jullundur for Dalhousie, arriving on 17 July.

Lieutenant H. Coghill to be Captain, dated 31 March, and posted to 1st Battalion,

14 July.—Lieut.-Colonel H. M. Wilson, D.S.O., to ninety-three days' leave ex India.

Bt.-Lieut.-Colonel T. R. Eastwood, D.S.O., M.C., proceeded on 10 July to Bombay to embark per S.S. "Morea," sailing on 14 July, proceeding to Great Britain to take up appointment as G.S.O. 2 at Staff College, Camberley, and command of Battalion devolves on Bt.-Major H. F. Campbell.

18 July.—Captain O. B. Graham, D.S.O., to one hundred and eight days' leave ex India.

20 July.—Lieutenant F. L. Thornton qualified as Regimental Signalling Instructor, at Army Signal School, Poona.

24 July.—"His Highness the Raja of Chamba has expressed to the District Commander his appreciation and grateful thanks for the invaluable assistance given by the Officers and Troops quartered in Dalhousie in extinguishing the recent outbreaks of forest fires, more particularly so in the case of the fire which occurred in the vicinity of the Vakils Court on 3 June."

"The G.O.C. also adds his appreciation of the good and ready work of the Officers and Troops."

(Lahore District Order 572/1928.)

6 August.—Captain J. M. L. Renton, O.B.E., and Captain H. Coghill to twenty-two days' leave.

12 August.—Lieutenant C. I. P. Holroyd and 2nd-Lieutenant The Viscount Garmoyle to forty-three days' leave.

31 August.—Bt.-Lieut.-Colonel T. R. Eastwood, D.S.O., M.C., appointed G.S.O. 2 Staff College, Camberley, and seconded.

14 September.—Draft of 91 Other Ranks embarked at Southampton and joined on 7 October.

9 October.—Major H. G. Moore-Gwyn, D.S.O., M.C., and Lieutenant L. I. T. Whitaker posted to 1st Battalion and joined on 3 November.

12 October.—Lieutenant E. D. Treneer-Michell granted sixty-three days' extension of leave.

Extracts from Annual Inspection Report on the Battalion for 1927/28 :—

Remarks by G.O.C. Peshawar District :—

(a) Training.—"A very well-trained Battalion."

(b) General.—"This Battalion threw its heart into its work during its stay in the Khyber."

Remarks by the G.O.C.-in-C., Northern Command :—

"A very efficient Battalion."

Remarks by H.E. The C.-in-C. in India :—

"A very good Report."

Thirty-two Other Ranks embarked at Karachi, proceeding home for discharge, etc.

13 October.—Captain W. H. Shoobert, A.I.R.O., attached to the Battalion for training 11 October to 2 November, 1928.

14 October.—Lieut.-Colonel H. M. Wilson, D.S.O., rejoined from leave and resumed command of the Battalion.

29 October.—Lieutenant F. Stephens completed a course at Small Arms School, Pachmarhi, and "Qualified."

1 November.—Captain O. B. Graham, D.S.O., posted to The Rifle Depot for tour of duty.

3 November.—Battalion concentrated at Amritsar and marched to Gujrat for Brigade training and Northern Command Manœuvres.

5 November.—Captain V. C. Knollys vacated the appointment of S.S.O. 3rd Class, Amritsar.

12 November.—Captain R. D. Baird, M.C., appointed officiating D.A.A.G. Northern Command.

13 November.—Lieutenant F. C. D. Tothill granted extension of leave on M.C. till 17 March 1929.

26 November.—Lieutenant K. B. Hicks posted to The Rifle Depôt for tour of duty.

8 December.—Battalion returned to Jullundur from Northern Command Manœuvres.

10 December.—"The Ceylon Planters' Rifle Corps" allied to The Rifle Brigade (A.O. 191 of 1928).

14 December.—Captain T. H. Massy-Beresford, M.C., to twenty-two days' leave.

2ND BATTALION

7 January.—A draft consisting of 2nd-Lieutenant Wilbraham, Sergts. Godbolt, Goodey, Evans and 100 Other Ranks left Colchester and embarked on board S.S. "Somersetshire," to join the 1st Battalion at Landi Kotal.

13 January.—The Battalion Hockey team defeated by 1st Battn. Essex Regiment in 3rd Round Army Cup.

16 January.—A draft of 27 Recruits arrived from the Depôt.

18 January.—Battalion Cross-Country Run—Gough Shield took place.

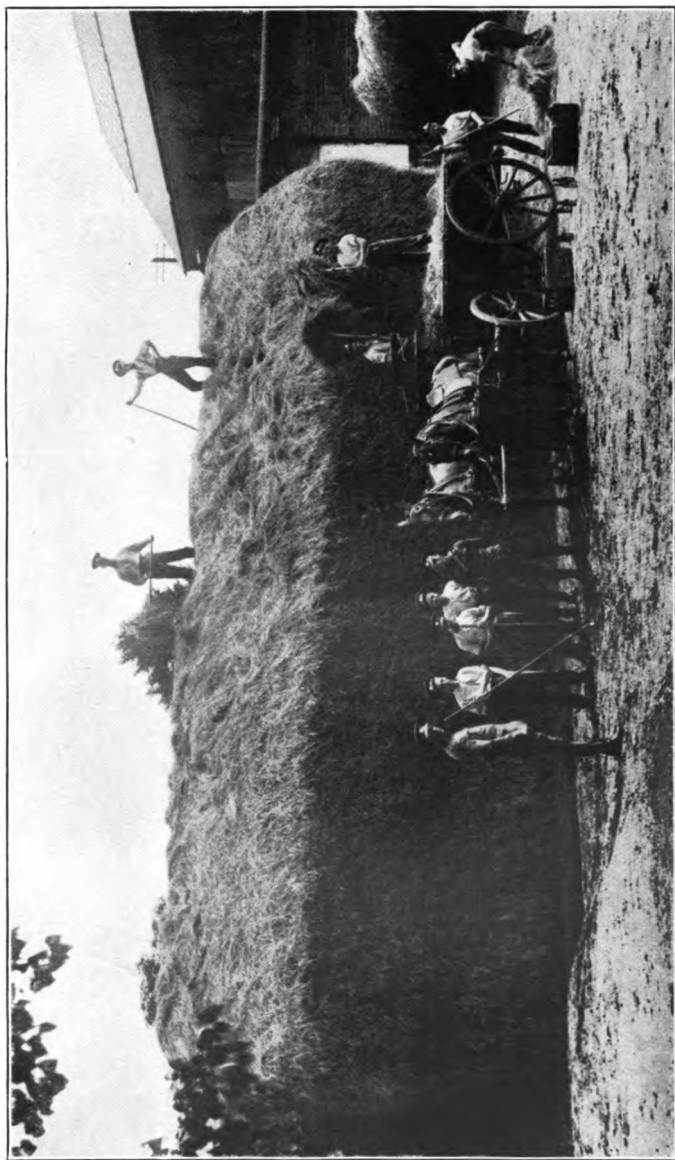
Order of finishing :—

(a) Individuals.	Corpl. Walbridge.	} Dead Heat 1st.
	Rfn. Bradley.	
	Rfn. Robottom.	

(b) Teams. "A" Coy. Awarded the Cross Country Shield.
 "D" "
 "H.Q." 1.
 "B" Coy.
 "C" "
 "H.Q." 2.

19 January.—Captain J. A. Davison, M.C., retired, receiving gratuity on 1 January.

2nd BATTALION.



STACKING HAY FROM TRAINING AREAS IN HYDERABAD BARRACKS, COLCHESTER.

20 January.—Battalion Fancy Dress Dance held in aid of charities.

25 January.—Band Boys beat 11th Hussars in 4th Round of the Army Cup.

26 January.—A/Corporal Martin was runner-up in the Army Boxing Individual Championships Feather Weights.

28 January.—Battalion Football team was defeated by 3rd Battn. Grenadier Guards in 4th Round Army Cup. Score : Grenadier Guards 6, Battalion 4.

30 January.—2nd-Lieutenant Viscount Garmoyle embarked on board H.T. "Neuralia" to join 1st Battalion.

1 February.—Lieutenant J. M. L. Renton, O.B.E., promoted Captain on 7 January 1928, with seniority 1 October 1924.

4 February.—Lieutenant A. C. Gore proceeded on a course to Small Arms School, Hythe.

Battalion Football team defeated Critalls Athletic by 6 goals to 3 in the Final of the Worthington-Evans Hospital Cup.

7 February.—Band Boys defeated 1st Lincolnshire Regt. in 5th Round Boys' Army Cup after extra time. Score : Battalion 4 goals, 1st Lincolnshire Regt. 1.

10 February.—Result of Garrison Open Boxing Tournament :—

Light Heavy Weight	Runner-up	..	Rfn. Pointing.
Middle Weight	..	Winner	.. A/Corpl. Horrigan.
Middle Weight	..	Runner-up	.. Sergt. Giles.
Light Weight	..	Winner	.. Corpl. Watson.
Feather Weight	..	Winner	.. A/Corpl. Martin.

Enlisted Boys.

Midget Weight	..	Winner	..	..	Boy Morris.
Mosquito Weight	..	Winner	..	..	Boy Allison.
Feather Weight	..	Winner	..	..	Boy Shaw.
Feather Weight	..	Runner-up	..	..	Boy Cutting.

20 February.—A draft of 29 Recruits joined the Battalion from the Dépôt.

26 February.—Captain E. S. B. Williams joined the Battalion and assumed command of "B" Company.

28 February.—Battalion Cross-Country Running Team won the Inter-Unit Garrison Cross-Country Race. 1st Suffolk Regt. Second.

29 February.—Captain H. B. Norcott assumed the duties of Brigade Machine-Gun Officer.

1 March.—Captain J. M. L. Renton, O.B.E., embarked en-route for India on posting to the 1st Battalion.

In accordance with the Revised Peace Establishments "D" Company was disbanded and the Battalion reorganized as under :—

Headquarter Wing.

"A" Company.

" B " Company.

" C " Company.

Machine-Gun Company.

7 March.—Lieutenant R. G. L. Tryon embarked on board S.S. " Somersetshire " on posting to 1st Battalion.

Draft consisting of Captain T. H. Massy-Beresford, M.C., Sergeant Channon, Sergeant Webb, and 64 Other Ranks embarked on board S.S. " Somersetshire " to join 1st Battalion at Jullundur.

2nd-Lieutenant H. T. H. Foley joined the Battalion from Cambridge University.

2nd-Lieutenant L. I. T. Whitaker and 2nd-Lieutenant H. E. Anson joined the Battalion from the Royal Military College.

Result of Eastern Command Cross-Country Race :—

1st, 3rd Royal Tank Corps.

2nd, 2nd Beds and Herts.

3rd, 2nd Battn. The Rifle Brigade.

4th, 1st Suffolk Regt.

5th, 1st Lincoln Regt.

6th, Training Battalion R.E.

7th, R.A.S.C. (Feltham).

8th, 1st Essex Regt.

9th, 17th Field Brigade R.A.

The Battalion team selected to run in the Army Cross-Country.

10 March,—Major P. F. Harrison, R.A., attached to the Battalion and assumed command of " A " Company. Major D. E. Prideaux-Brune, D.S.O., attached to 17th Field Brigade, R.A., and assumed command of 13th Field Battery.

13 March.—Battalion Open Boxing Championships were held.

Winners.

Heavy Weight..	..	..	A/Corpl. McCarthy.
Light Heavy Weight..	..	..	A/Corpl. Lake.
Middle Weight	..	..	Rfn. Pointing.
Welter Weight	..	..	Sergt. Jones.
Light Weight ..	..	..	Corpl. Watson.
Feather Weight	..	..	A/Corpl. Martin.
Bantam Weight	..	..	Corpl. Spratt.

14 March.—The Band Boys were defeated in the Semi-Final of the Boys' Army Football Cup at Bordon by the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.

15 March.—Captain C. P. Warren, M.C., joined the Battalion.

16 March.—Lieutenant E. W. L. Fry and Lieutenant Hon. N. A. S. Lytton-Milbanke passed in subject (b) promotion examination.

17 March.—Lieutenant W. E. Rogers joined the Battalion.

22 March.—The Regimental Point-to-Point was held at Little Priory Farm, Panfield, near Braintree.

24 March.—Battalion won the Colchester Garrison Bronze

Medal Bayonet-Fencing Competition, defeating 1st Suffolk Regiment by twelve fights to six.

In the Garrison Inter-Unit Team Championships, the Battalion Boxing Team won the Shute Challenge Cup for the Officers' and Men's team. The Boys' team were Runners-up.

1st Round, Battalion Team beat Queen's Bays by 12 pts.

2nd Round, Battalion Team beat 1st Essex Regt. by 5 pts.

Final Round, Battalion Team beat 17th Fd. Bde. R.A. by 5 pts.

26 March.—A draft of 27 Recruits joined the Battalion from the Depôt.

Lieutenant A. C. Gore attended a qualifying course at Small Arms School, Hythe, and obtained a (Q.1) Certificate.

27 March.—Rifleman J. Wilkins completed a course of instruction at the School of Farriery, Aldershot, on 20 March 1928, and passed with distinction.

28 March.—The Point-to-Point Team Race, eight a side against 43rd Light Infantry, took place at the Essex Point-to-Point, Ongar.

Result: Rifle Brigade Team 94 Points.

43rd Light Infantry Team.. .. 41 Points.

Rider.

1st, Major R. L. H. Collins' *Hereford*. Lieut. G. V. Troyte-Bullock.

2nd, Lieut.-Colonel J. P. G. Crosbie's *Evangeline*. Capt. D. N. Guthrie.

3rd, Lieut. J. C. Garnet's *Thistle*. Lieut. D. J. Purdon.

31 March.—Capt. R. I. V. Birkbeck, M.C., retires, receiving gratuity.

1 April.—Captain F. E. A. Fulford attached to H.Q. 4th Division as G.S.O.3.

5 April.—London Rifle Brigade (strength 15 Officers and 140 Other Ranks) and 12th Battn. London Regt. (strength 10 Officers and 130 Other Ranks) were attached to the Battalion until 9 April.

11 April.—Lieutenant A. G. V. Paley proceeded to Shorncliffe on an Intelligence Course.

12 April.—Result of Eastern Command Bronze Medal Bayonet-Fighting Competition as under :—

Command Team Competition.

Semi-Final: Battalion 12 points, Loyal Regt. 6 points.

Final: Battalion team were defeated by The Lincolnshire Regt.

Individual Competitions.

Old Soldiers: Sergt. Jones, D.C.M. 3rd.

Young Soldiers: Rfn. Lester 2nd.

Rfn. Denham 3rd.

Rfn. Mulhall. 4th.

13 April.—News received that Captain D. N. Guthrie died from the result of injuries received whilst riding in a Point-to-Point Meeting.

14 April.—Lieutenant A. C. J. Congreve proceeded to Shorncliffe for a course at the School of Education.

15 April.—Captain F. T. Hill attached to H.Q. 4th Division as Compensation Officer.

16 April.—Lieutenant W. P. S. Curtis proceeded to Hythe for a course at the Small Arms School.

18 April.—Major H. G. Moore-Gwyn, D.S.O., M.C., and Lieutenant A. C. Gore won the Inter-Regimental Racquets Championship.

21 April.—Lieutenant A. C. Gore won the Army Singles Racquets Championship.

2 May.—Battalion Football team won the Essex and Suffolk Border League.

Lieutenant G. V. Troyte-Bullock proceeded to Aldershot for a course of Physical Training.

5 May.—The Battalion Football team was defeated by Harwich and Parkeston in the Final of the Harwich Charity Cup.

7 May.—Lieutenant C. F. H. Gough (London Rifle Brigade) attached to the Battalion for one month.

10 May.—Battalion Football Team won the Garrison Senior League.

14 May.—A Draft of 23 Recruits arrived from the Rifle Depot.

15 May.—Result of Army Golf Championship :

Winner : Lieutenant J. V. Moberley, R.E., 71, 86 = 157.

Second : Lieutenant A. C. Gore, Rifle Bde., 77, 81 = 158.

Result of Inter-Unit Golf Championship :—

1st Round : The Rifle Brigade beat the Loyal Regt. 12 holes to 2.

2nd Round : Coldstream Guards beat The Rifle Brigade 9 holes to 8.

16 May.—Battalion Football team was defeated in the Final of the Pearson's Charity Cup.

30 May.—A Draft of 26 Recruits joined the Battalion from the Rifle Depot.

31 May.—Result of the Company Football League for 1927–28 was as follows :—

				Points.	Place.
" H.Q." Wing	..	..	..	7	1st
" B " Coy.	..	..	..	5	2nd
" C " "	..	..	..	3	3rd, equal.
M.G. "	..	..	..	3	
" A " "	..	..	..	2	

31 May.—Battalion Athletic Sports were held. Results as under :—

Company.		Points.		Place.
" H.Q." Wing	..	36½	..	1st, Winners of Athletic Shield.
" A " Coy.	..	35	..	2nd
" B " "	..	33½	..	3rd
" C " "	..	31	..	4th
M.G. "	..	29	..	5th

1 June.—Lieutenant J. C. Garnett proceeded to Netheravon to attend a Machine-Gun Course.

4 June.—The Battalion took part in the Colchester Garrison Parade for H.M. The King's Birthday.

5 June.—Rifleman J. White obtained the highest possible score (105 points) whilst firing his Annual Course at the Rifle Depot. (Part III. Table "A" Classification.)

9 June.—The Essex County Rifle Meeting was held on Middlewick Ranges. Results were as under :—

Event.	Name.	Place.	Score.	H.P.S.
All Comers (agg.)	Lieut. King-Salter	1st	103	105
All Comers (agg.) 200x	do.	2nd	34	35
All Comers (agg.) 600x	do.	1st	35	35
Army Rifle (agg.)	do.	1st	103	105
" Lord Lieutenant's "	do.	1st	35	35
" President's "	do.	2nd	68	70

Result : Essex County Challenge Shield :—

	Score.
Winners : 2nd Battn. The Rifle Brigade ..	576
2nd Place : 1st Battn. The Essex Regt. ..	544
(11 teams competed.)	

Results : " R. A. Jones Challenge Shield " (Army Rifle and Peep Shots) :—

Winners : Colchester Rifle Club.

2nd Place : 2nd Battn. The Rifle Brigade.

13 June.—Colchester Garrison Athletic—Inter-Unit Championship was held on 12 and 13 June.

Results :

	Points.
Winners : 1st Battn. The Essex Regt. ..	37½
Runners Up : 2nd Battn. The Rifle Brigade ..	29½
Third : 1st Battn. The Suffolk Regt. ..	28
Fourth : 2nd Battn. The Northants Regt. ..	10

The Battalion were 1st in the following events :—

One Mile Team Race.

880 Yards Relay Race.

14 June.—Lieutenant E. G. Buckley joined the Battalion on vacating his appointment under the Colonial Office.

15 June.—Results of Classification of Signallers as under : 26 Signallers tested. All passed. Nine men obtained 100 per cent.

Averages in Reading Tests as follows :—Flag, 99.88. Lamp, 99.82. Buzzer, 99.13. Total, 99.61.

Remarks of Brigadier, General Staff, Eastern Command :—

" I have to say that the results are highly satisfactory and show that a high standard of training has been obtained."

(Sd.) H. J. ELLES, Brigadier,

Gen. Staff, Eastern Command.

Remarks of Classifying Officer, R.C. of Signals :—

“With regard to the classification of the 2nd Battn. The Rifle Brigade, I have to report that the standard of all men tested was extremely high and much above standard. There were no failures.”

(Sd.) L. B. NICHOLLS,
Capt., R.C. of Signals,
Classifying Officer.

Remarks of Brigade Commander, 11th Infantry Brigade :—

“The Brigade Commander desires to express his appreciation of the very satisfactory report obtained and the high standard of efficiency reached by the signallers of the Battalion.”

(Sd.) M. STOPFORD, Captain,
Brigade-Major, 11th Infantry Brigade.

16 June.—The Machine-Gun Company, under command of Lieutenant A. W. Allan, proceeded to Larkhill for the Brigade Machine-Gun Concentration.

19 June.—Telegram sent to H.R.H. The Colonel-in-Chief congratulating him on the sixtieth anniversary of his first commission.

2 July.—A Draft of 25 Recruits joined the Battalion from the Rifle Depôt.

5 July.—Battalion Swimming Sports were held.

Result :—

	Points.
“A” Coy. } equal 1st	41
“C” Coy. }	
“B” Coy., 3rd	36
H.Q. Wing, 4th	29
M.G. Coy., 5th	23

6 July.—Battalion inspected by Lieut.-General Sir H. F. M. Wilson, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., Colonel Commandant 2nd Battalion.

The following message was received by the Commanding Officer after the inspection :—

“I wish to express to the 2nd Bn. my extreme satisfaction with the inspection to-day. The turn-out, drill and smartness of the Battalion was exceptionally good and I was particularly pleased with the barrack rooms and the arrangements in the Institutes, though they are somewhat handicapped by the accommodation available. I shall have much pleasure in reporting to H.R.H. The Colonel-in-Chief how well the Battalion is keeping up to its old traditions.”

(Sd.) H. F. M. WILSON, Lieut.-General,
Colonel-Commandant, 2nd Bn. The Rifle Brigade.

16 July.—Lieutenant W. E. C. Brooksbank proceeded to Small Arms School, Hythe, on a Weapon Refresher Course until 4 August

1928. Lieutenant Hon. N. A. S. Lytton-Milbanke and Lieutenant A. C. J. Congreve restored to the establishment.

17 July.—Garrison Swimming Sports were held.

Results as under :—

	Points.
2nd Battn. The Rifle Brigade, 1st... ..	90
1st Battn. The Suffolk Regt., 2nd... ..	26
Queen's Bays	
2nd Bn. The Northants Regt. } 3rd.	25

18 July.—*Results of Army Rifle Association Meeting :—*

RouPELL Cup (Individual Events) :—

Class "A" : 3rd, Sergt. Giles.

Class "B" : 5th, Rfn. Bayley.

Class "C" : 1st, Rfn. Snowball.

Roberts Cup :—

Class "A" : 6th, Sergt. Giles.

Class "C" : 3rd, A/Corpl. Rose.

Army Hundred Cup :—

2nd, Lieut. E. J. C. King-Salter.

Army Championship :—

Class "A" : 2nd Lieut E. J. C. King-Salter ; 7th, Sergt. Giles.

Class "B," 5th, Corpl. Walbridge.

Revolver Thirty Cup :—

1st, Lieut. E. J. C. King-Salter.

4th, Lieut. E. P. A. des Graz.

Team Events :—

Worcester Cup : Class "A" :

1st Place (Sergt. Butler and Sergt. Beebe).

3rd Place (Sergt. Barnes and Sergt. Norton).

(106 teams competed.)

Small Arms Cup : Battalion Team, 2nd (22 teams competed).

Britannia Trophy : Battalion Team, 4th (31 teams competed).

Prize-money won during A.R.A. Meeting, £75.

Silver Cups : 2.

Silver Jewels : 1.

Silver Medals : 5.

Bronze Medals : 13.

National Rifle Association Meeting :—

Team Events :—

Brinsmead Shield : Battalion Team, 3rd.

Canada Shield : Battalion Team, 4th.

Lewis Gun Match : Battalion Team, 2nd.

Individual Events :—

King's Medal :—

Sergt. Giles, 6th.

Sergt. Barnes, 8th.

Sergt. Butler, 14th.

Army Rifle VIII : Lieut. E. J. C. King-Salter.

Army Revolver VIII : Lieut. E. J. C. King-Salter.

19 July.—Battalion entered two teams for Bayonet-Fencing Competition, Colchester Carnival. Both teams reached Final. "A" Team beat "B" Team.

23 July.—2nd-Lieutenant the Earl of Lincoln, Cambridge O.T.C., attached to the Battalion till 3 September, 1928.

30 July.—Draft of 61 Recruits joined the Battalion from the Rifle Depot.

30 July.—Major D. E. Prideaux-Brune, D.S.O., Captain E. S. B. Williams, Captain C. P. Warren, M.C., Lieutenant L. M. B. Rathbone, Lieutenant G. V. Troyte-Bullock, proceeded to Tidworth Park for duty at O.T.C. Camp.

2 August.—*Result of Colchester Garrison Rifle Meeting :—*

Team Events :—

Officers' Challenge Cup : Battalion Team, 1st Place.

Sergeants' Cup : Battn. Team, 1st Place.

Corporals' and Privates' Cup : Battalion Team, 1st Place.

Inter-Regimental Cup : Battalion Team, 1st Place.

Young Soldiers' Cup : Battalion Team, 1st Place.

Machine Gun Cup : Battalion Team, 1st Place.

Inter-Company Team :

Challenge Cup :

"C" Coy., 1st Place.

"H.Q." Wing, 2nd Place.

"A" Coy., 3rd Place.

"B" Coy., 4th Place.

M.G. Coy., 5th Place.

Inter-Coy. Falling Plates Challenge Cup :

"C" Coy., 1st Place.

"H.Q." Wing, 2nd Place.

Individual Events :—

Championship Aggregate Cup : Lieut. E. J. C. King-Salter, 1st Place.

Enlisted Boys' Cup : Boy Allison, 1st Place.

Summary of Prizes Won :—

Silver Cups : 10.

Silver Medals : 77.

Bronze Medals : 16.

20 August—Battalion Training commenced.

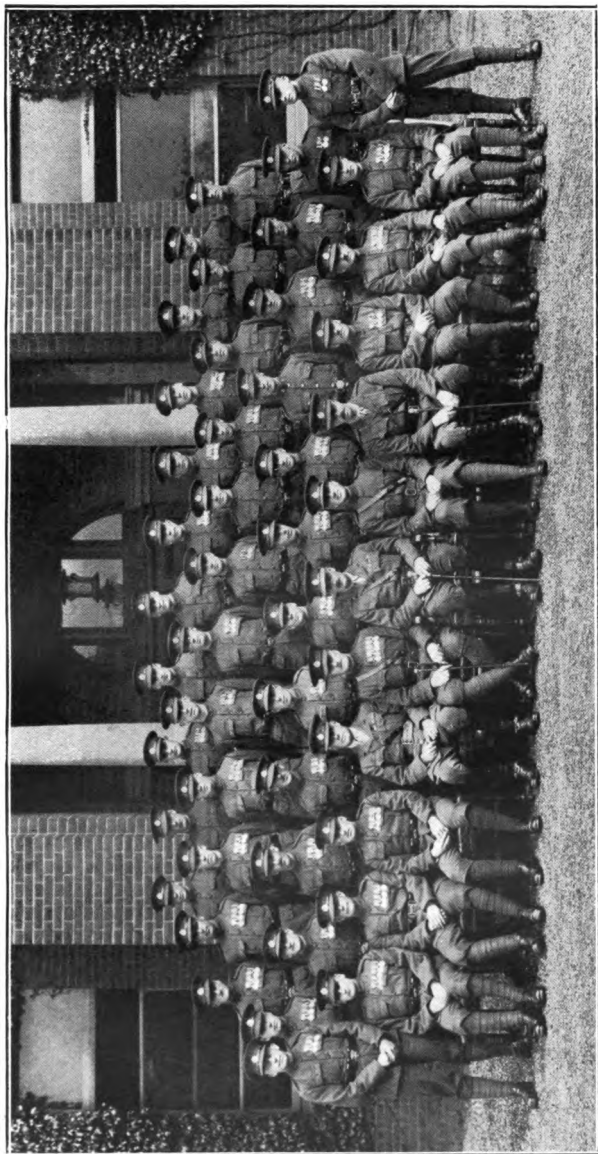
23 August.—Annual Administrative Inspection of the Battalion carried out by Brigadier W. J. Cooke-Collis, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding 11th Infantry Brigade.

25 August.—Inter-Company Bayonet Fencing Competition was won by Machine-Gun Company. Result to count for Gough Shield :

"C" Coy. 1st., "A" Coy 2nd., "B" Coy 3rd.

25 August.—Regimental Birthday Sports were held in afternoon.

WARRANT OFFICERS AND SERGEANTS, 2nd BATTALION. 1928.



A/Sgt. A. Belton. A/Sgt. H. Newton. A/Sgt. J. Whiting, M.M. A/Sgt. C. Browning. A/Sgt. A. Burnikell. A/Sgt. A. Crowson. A/Sgt. A. Reynolds.
Sgt. G. Dawson. Sgt. G. Norton. A/Sgt. A. Eddy.
Sgt. V. Barnes. A/Sgt. J. Brown. Sgt. J. Teskey. Sgt. T. Arnall. A/Sgt. J. Howell. Sgt. R. Hide. Sgt. W. Wilkins. Sgt. R. Smith. Sgt. A. Munson.
Sgt. W. Carter. Sgt. W. Edwards. A/Sgt. G. Hurst.
Bgl. Maj. W. Locke. Sgt. W. Slater. Sgt. A. Butler, M.M. Sgt. C. Scott. Sgt. S. Beebe. C/Sgt. J. Watson, M.M. C/Sgt. A. Gray. C/Sgt. A. Moore.
S/Sgt. Pritchard. Sgt. G. Bishop, D.C.M. Sgt. F. Pearce. Sgt. D. Hardman. C.S.M. H. Knott.
C.S.M. W. Wanstall. C.S.M. R. Conaron. C.S.M. E. Partridge. R.Q.M.S. C. Wates. Major A. A. Tod. R.S.M. P. Wood, M.M. Lt.-Col. F. H. Burnell-
Nugent, D.S.O., O.B.E. B.M. G. Hardy. Lt. A. G. L. Hamilton-Russell. C.S.M. W. Grinter. C.S.M. H. Joyce, M.M. Q.M.S. W. Aston.

Regimental Dance took place in the evening.

A party of ex-Riflemen from the London Rifle Brigade Branch of the Rifle Brigade Association visited the Battalion and stayed at Hyderabad Barracks until 26th inst.

26 August.—The Battalion attended Church Parade and was accompanied by the party of ex-Riflemen visiting the Battalion.

27 August.—Advance party under Lieut. E. J. C. King-Salter proceeded to Camp at Thorpe-le-Soken, Essex.

1 September.—The Battalion marched to Thorpe-le-Soken Camp to carry out Brigade Training.

12 September.—Battalion marched back to Hyderabad Barracks, Colchester.

13 September.—Battalion engaged in Inter-Brigade Exercise on 13th and 14th.

14 September.—Draft of 90 Other Ranks embarked at Southampton for 1st Battn. The Rifle Brigade (India).

17 September.—Battalion left Barracks to take part in a Divisional Exercise and returned on afternoon of 20th inst.

Major J. M. West, Commanding Shrewsbury O.T.C., was attached to the Battalion from 12th–21st inst.

18 September.—Captain J. H. Carvosso, M.C., Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, joined the Battalion on 1 September, and will be attached for two years.

22 September.—Battalion Football team defeated in the Amateur Cup Preliminary Round by Stowmarket.

29 September.—Result of Machine-Gun Fire Control Cup (Army Rifle Association) fired during the Machine-Gun Concentration at Larkhill in June, as under :

	Score.
1st Wiltshire Regt.	568 Winners.
2nd Battn. The Rifle Brigade	559 Second.
45 teams competed.	

1 October.—Major D. E. Prideaux-Brune, D.S.O., returned to the Battalion after Commanding 17th Field Battery R.A. for six months.

Major P. F. Harrison, R.A., relinquished command of "A" Company, rejoined 17th Field Battery, R.A.

6 October.—7th Hussars scratched to the Battalion in the 1st Round of the Army Inter-Unit Boxing Championships.

8 October.—2nd-Lieutenant J. S. Sanderson, Supplementary Reserve of Officers, attached to the Battalion till 21 November, 1928.

9 October.—2nd-Lieutenant L. I. T. Whitaker embarked for 1st Battn. The Rifle Brigade, India.

10 October.—Battalion Novices Boxing Competition took place.

16 October.—Lieutenant W. P. S. Curtis posted to Rifle Depôt.
Lieutenant H. S. P. Hopkinson posted to the Battalion.

19 October.—Boys' Football Team defeated by 1st Battn. The Suffolk Regt. in 1st Round Boys' Army Cup.

20 October.—Major R. L. H. Collins left the Battalion to assume command of the Rifle Brigade Depôt.

21 October.—Lieutenant W. E. C. Brooksbank attached to the Depôt.

Lieutenant E. P. A. des Graz returned to the Battalion.

23 October.—Battalion Football team beat 2nd Training Brigade R.A. in 1st Round of the Army Cup.

29 October.—A Draft of 31 Recruits joined the Battalion from the Depôt.

1 November.—The result of the Gough Shield for the Year ending 21 October, 1928, as under :—

					Points.
Winners :	" B " Company	..	..	..	67
2nd Place :	" A " "	..	..	..	63½
3rd Place :	" C " "	..	..	..	55½

Weapon Training Results for Year ending 31 October, 1928, as follows :—

" A " or Major D. E. Prideaux-Brune's Company, adjudged Best Shooting Company.

No. 1 or Lieutenant W. P. S. Curtis' Platoon adjudged best shooting platoon.

5 November.—Lieutenant L. M. B. Rathbone proceeded on a course to Small Arms School, Hythe.

6 November.—" H.Q." Wing won the Company Gardens Competition for 1928.

7 November.—Machine-Gun Company won the Grierson Challenge Shield fired for by units of the Eastern Command, concurrently and under the same conditions as the Machine-Gun Fire Control Cup.

15 November.—Battalion Football Team was defeated in 2nd Round of Army Cup by the Depôt, Royal Artillery, Woolwich.

21 November.—C.S.M. J. Wanstall and Rifleman T. Clegg awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

24 November.—Lieutenant Hon. N. A. S. Lytton-Milbanke, was runner up in the Army Squash Racquets Championship, being beaten by Lieutenant G. N. Scott-Chad in the Final.

7 December.—The Battalion Boxing Team was defeated at Windsor by the 2nd Battn. Coldstream Guards in the 2nd Round of the Army Inter-Unit Team Championship.

Result :—

				Points.
2nd Battn. The Coldstream Guards	..	..	..	24
2nd Battn. The Rifle Brigade	..	..	..	20

13 December.—Battalion won the Eastern Command Young Soldiers' Cup. This is fired for concurrently and under A.R.A. Conditions.

	Points.
1st, 2nd Battn. The Rifle Brigade	863
2nd, 2nd Battn. Beds. and Herts. Regt.	790

15 December.—Lieutenant A. C. J. Congreve embarked in S.S. "City of Poona" at Birkenhead on posting to 1st Battalion in India.

16 December.—Lieutenant Hon. N. A. S. Lytton-Milbanke posted to the Battalion.

17 December.—Authority given for the change of pitch of instruments of Army Bands from High Pitch to Flat Pitch. (A.C.I. 544 of 1928).

18 December.—The following were the remarks by the Higher Commanders on the Annual Weapon Training Return of the M.G. Company :—

"Very good classification results which have been confirmed by the section shooting at long range in the A.R.A. Fire Control Cup.

"In this event the Unit was second, and also won the Grierson Shield.

"There are no unqualified gunners. The range-takers' tests show very satisfactory results. The tactical handling is good and the true machine-gun spirit pervades the Coy."

(Sd.) W. J. COOKE-COLLIS, Brigadier,
Commanding 11th Infantry Brigade.

"A very well trained Coy. reflecting credit on all concerned."

(Sd.) A. R. CAMERON, Major-General,
Commanding 4th Division.

"An excellent report. I congratulate the Battn."

(Sd.) R. WHIGHAM, General,
Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command.

20 December.—The following were the remarks made by the Higher Commanders on the Annual Weapon Training Return of the Battalion :—

Brigade Commander.

"(a) Individual efficiency of the men 'Very good.'

"(b) Standard of Anti-Aircraft training 'Satisfactory.'

"(c) Proficiency of Officers and N.C.O.'s in Judging Distance and their instructional capacity 'satisfactory.'

"(d) Ability of Officers to give weapon training its full tactical significance 'Above the average.'

"The results in this unit are very satisfactory, particularly as regards the number of 3rd Class in Part II, Table 'B.'

"Great care has been taken to keep the number of those not fully exercised to a minimum,

"Full advantage has been taken of the C.O.'s and Command Pool.

"Weapon Training is well organized and great keenness is displayed throughout the unit."

(Sd.) W. J. COOKE-COLLIS, Brigadier,
Commanding 11th Infantry Brigade.

Divisional Commander.

"A most satisfactory report showing a high standard of instruction. The expenditure of ammunition at battle practice was evidently well thought out."

(Sd.) H. R. CAMERON, Major-General,
Commanding 4th Division.

G.O.C.-in-C. Eastern Command.

"A very satisfactory report."

(Sd.) R. WHIGHAM, General,
Commdg.-in-Chief, Eastern Command.

26 December.—Lieutenant L. M. B. Rathbone attended the 8th Qualifying Course at the Small Arms School, Hythe, from 5 November 1928 to 21 December 1928, and obtained a Qualified (Q.1) Certificate.

29 December.—The following more important results of the A.R.A. Non-Central Matches for 1928 were published :—

Queen Victoria Trophy	..	..	..	..	1st.
King George Cup	..	..	..	..	1st.
Young Soldiers' Cup	..	..	..	..	2nd.
Company Shield	..	..	..	..	2nd.
Machine-Gun Cup	..	..	..	..	2nd.
Machine-Gun Control Cup	..	..	..	..	2nd.

Congratulations were received from the following :—

H.R.H. The Colonel-in-Chief.

Lieut.-Gen. Sir H. F. M. Wilson, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., Colonel-Commandant.

General Sir Robert Whigham, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., C.-in-C., Eastern Command.

Brigadier W. J. Cooke-Collis, Commanding, 11th Infantry Brigade.

And The Officer Commanding, 2nd Battn. 60th Rifles.

31 December.—The following were the remarks made by Higher Commanders in the Annual Inspection Report on the Battalion :—

"This Battalion is in a high state of efficiency, well officered, well trained, and well organized.

"Fit for service anywhere."

(Sd.) W. J. COOKE-COLLIS, Brigadier,
Commdg. 11th Infantry Brigade.

"The Officers of this Battalion are particularly efficient and hard-working.

"The Battalion is very efficient and has a good spirit."

(Sd.) A. R. CAMERON, Major-General,
Commdg. 4th Division.

"I concur. The Battalion fully maintains the high traditions of The Rifle Brigade."

(Sd.) R. WHIGHAM, General,
Commdg.-in-Chief, Eastern Command.

WEAPON TRAINING

1928.

1ST BATTALION.

THE past year has been a very successful one for the Battalion. It is very much easier to concentrate on Weapon Training here at Jullundur, living in comfortable barracks with an excellent range at our very door.

THE ANNUAL COURSE.

The new Table "B" (Rifle) was fired in March and April, but as it was considered that the 1927/28 drafts should have a chance of getting used to the bright light of this country before firing their course, it is not possible to give the final results and order of merit. Table "L" was fired during the hot weather, "A" and "I" firing at Jullundur, and "B" and "C" at Amritsar.

There is no comparison between the results of this year and those of last.

The results and order of merit up to date are given below.

To obtain this marks are allotted as follows :—

<i>Rifle.</i>				<i>Light Automatic.</i>			
			Marks.				Marks.
Marksman ..	..	..	10	1st Class Gunner ..	..	..	8
1st Class Shots ..	..	..	8	2nd Class Gunner ..	..	..	2
2nd Class Shots ..	..	..	2	Unqualified ..	..	Minus	10
3rd Class Shots ..	..	Minus	10				

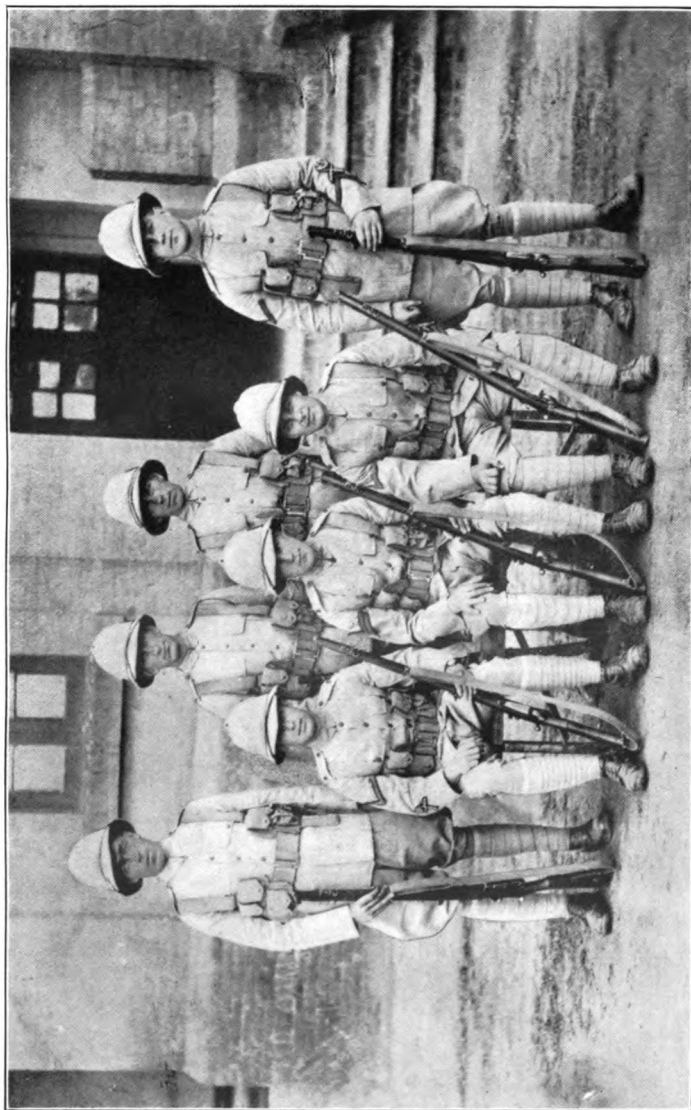
Divide the total number of marks by the total number of firers.

RIFLE.

Battalion Figure of Merit.

Nos.	Marks-	1st Class	2nd Class	3rd Class	Points.	Average.
Exercised.	men.	Shots.	Shots.	Shots.		
413	85	163	151	14	2,316	5.60

1st BATTALION.



HOPTON CUP TEAM, 1928.
No. 5 Platoon.

Company.	Marks-men.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	Points.	Nos. Exercised.	Average.
" I " ..	23	42	20	Nil	606	85	7.13
(Captain H. Hubble, M.C.)							
" H.Q." ..	20	44	27	3	576	94	6.13
(Major H. F. Campbell.)							
" C " ..	16	26	36	2	420	80	5.25
(Captain T. H. Massy-Beresford, M.C.)							
" B " ..	11	29	31	4	364	75	4.85
(Captain J. M. L. Renton, O.B.E.)							
" A " ..	15	22	37	5	350	79	4.43
(Captain F. O. Cave, M.C.)							

LEWIS GUN.

Battalion Figure of Merit.

1st Class Gunners.	2nd Class Gunners.	Unqualified.	Points.	Nos. Exercised.	Average.
106	23	6	834	135	6.17

Order of Merit of Companies.

Company.	1st.	2nd.	Unquali- fied.	Points.	Nos. Exer- cised.	Average.
" B "	33	2	Nil	268	35	7.65
(Captain J. M. L. Renton, O.B.E.)						
" I "	31	3	1	244	35	6.97
(Captain Hubble, M.C.)						
" C "	26	5	1	208	32	6.5
(Captain T. H. Massy-Beresford, M.C.)						
" A "	16	13	4	114	33	3.45
(Captain F. O. Cave, M.C.)						

Battalion Figure of Merit of Rifle and Lewis Gun Combined.

Company.	Marks-men.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	1st.	2nd.	Unquali- fied.	Points.	Nos. Exer- cised.	Average.
" I " ..	23	42	20	Nil	31	3	1	850	120	7.08
(Captain H. Hubble, M.C.)										
" B " ..	11	29	31	4	33	2	Nil	632	110	5.74
(Captain J. M. L. Renton, O.B.E.)										
" C " ..	16	26	36	2	26	5	1	628	112	5.60
(Captain T. H. Massy-Beresford, M.C.)										
" A " ..	15	22	37	5	16	13	4	464	112	4.14
(Captain F. O. Cave, M.C.)										

Best Lewis Gun Shot in the Battalion.

6911181 Rfn. H. Gregory, " B " Company. Score, 214.

Best Lewis Gun Shots of Companies.

	Score.
"A" Company—6910144 Rfn. A. Gascoigne ..	203
"B" Company—6911181 Rfn. H. Gregory ..	214
"C" Company—6909644 Rfn. A. Smith ..	200
"I" Company—4264912 Rfn. G. Willis ..	183

Best Lewis Gun Shooting Platoon.

8 Platoon, "B" Company. Average, 192.34. H.P.S., 233.

MACHINE GUN.

Figure of Merit.

Marks-men.	1st Class.	Quali-fied.	Unquali-fied.	Points.	Nos. Exercised.	Average.
6	13	37	6	13,813	62	222.79

Best Machine Gun Shot.

6911169 Rfn. A. Sweby. Score, 262.

A.R.A. COMPETITIONS, 1927.

The Battalion won the Queen Victoria Trophy and the King George Cup, both battalions thus having won these competitions at home and abroad in the same year, which is a record. The Young Soldiers' Team were very unfortunate as, firing at Landi Kotal in a dull light, they made very good scores in the first and second practices, when the clouds rolled away, and a strong cross-wind ruined any chance they might have had of making a good score in the third practice. Even so, they were top in India, being beaten by two teams firing in Egypt. No. 15 Platoon were also unlucky in the Roupell Cup, A.R.A. (India), as their total score equalled that of the winners.

A.R.A. COMPETITIONS—1928.

We have only fired a proportion of the A.R.A. Competitions so far this year. The best scores have been made by No. 5 Platoon's Hopton Cup Team firing at Amritsar, 314; and the Young Soldiers' Team firing at Jullundur, 882.

ARMY RIFLE ASSOCIATION MATCHES—1927.

	Place.	Score.
<i>King George V Cup</i>	1st	612
<i>Royal Irish Cup</i>	10th	486
<i>Company Shield</i> —"A" Company	5th	1092
"I" Company	7th	1054
"B" Company	12th	970
<i>Machine Gun Cup</i> —1st Team	11th	917
2nd Team	14th	900
<i>Duke of Connaught Cup</i>	Nil	651

				Aggregate. Score.
<i>The Queen Victoria Trophy</i>	1st	2519.7		
<i>Hopton Cup</i> —No. 11 Platoon	12th	528		
No. 10 Platoon	16th	520		
No. 6 Platoon	20th	500		
No. 13 Platoon	24th	497		
No. 8 Platoon	37th	452		
No. 7 Platoon	42nd	440		
No. 3 Platoon	48th	434		
<i>Young Soldiers' Cup</i>	3rd	686		

INDIAN ARMY RIFLE ASSOCIATION MATCHES.

	Place.	Score.
<i>The Roupell Cup</i> —No. 15 Platoon.. .. .	2nd	227
No. 6 Platoon.. .. .	9th	190

RIFLE MEETINGS.

No. 7 Platoon "B" Company after an eliminating shoot, were selected to represent the Battalion at the Peshawar District Rifle Meeting. There were four competitions : slow, rapid, snapshooting, and fire with movement, all run on the Platoon Team basis. The opposition was weak, and No. 7 Platoon were able to win all four easily.

A four-day Battalion Rifle Meeting was held at the end of April, which proved a great success, particularly for "B" Company, who managed to win 90 per cent. of the prize money and the Aggregate Cup. They afterwards ran a Company Rifle Meeting of their own when on detachment at Amritsar.

At Dalhousie we made the best use possible of the rather peculiar range and the Sergeants held two Rifle Meetings, one against the Hampshire Sergeants which we won easily, and another against the Officers, which provided a very close finish.

After easily qualifying in their respective classes in the District Eliminating competition at Peshawar, Lieutenant G. H. Hunt, Bugle-Major Warburton, and Rfn. Gurr went to Meerut to compete in the Army Championships. In Class I (Officers) Lieutenant G. H. Hunt was second. In Class III (Corporals and Riflemen) Rfn. Gurr was eleventh.

ILLUSTRATIONS.

Hopton Cup, 5 Platoon, "B" Company, 1928.

Standing.—Rfn. H. Maher, A./Cpl. Hill, Rfn. W. Duthie, A./Cpl. W. Wade.

Sitting.—A./Cpl. W. Webb, Cpl. C. Munds (Captain), A./Cpl. G. Pannett, Rfn. C. Collingwood (absent).

*Young Soldiers' Cup, 1928.**From left to right.*

Top Row.—Rfn. J. Butler, Rfn. A. Francis, Rfn. L. Reay, Rfn. J. Cooke, Bdn. R. Odell.

Middle Row.—A./Cpl. L. Smith, A./Cpl. L. Cumbers, Rfn. J. Scott, A./Cpl. A. Short, Rfn. W. Campbell, Rfn. C. Wordsworth, Rfn. J. Parker, Rfn. L. Ward.

Bottom Row.—Rfn. C. Elliott, Rfn. J. Dunn, Rfn. A. Whittle, 2nd Lieut. T. R. Wilbraham (Captain), Cpl. D. Kidd, Rfn. F. Kitson, Rfn. G. Willis.

Front.—Rfn. A. Lownes (res.), Rfn. A. Stott (res.).

King George V Cup, 1927.

Standing.—Lieut. K. B. Hicks, Lieut. V. B. Turner, Lieut. F. C. D. Tothill.

Sitting.—Lieut. G. H. Hunt, Capt. H. Hubble, M.C., Lieut. F. D. Richardson, Lieut. C. I. P. Holroyd.

Absent.—Lieut. J. G. Newton.

2ND BATTALION

As was anticipated in our last letter, there have been many changes during the Weapon Training Year of 1927–28.

Owing to shortage of ammunition the Annual Course has been completely altered, while the Army Rifle Association Non-Central Matches have, in many instances, been considerably modified. The Central Meeting at Bisley, however, was the same as in past years.

The Weapon Training Programme has been very similar to that of last year. Large snowballs had to be rolled off the firing points to enable a start to be made with the first casual party early in March, while the last casual party finished firing only a few days before the end of October.

The Battalion has, as usual, entered for all available competitions, and the A.R.A. Central and Non-Central Matches, the Essex County Meeting and Colchester Garrison Rifle Meeting have made good use of all our spare time and ammunition.

In the Annual Course the Battalion has obtained the figure of merit of zero, which is the highest possible worked out on the new basis, and it is only fair to judge the success of the competition shooting by the results. A list of the Trophies and Medals won during the year will be found on a later page, and it would be difficult to regard 1927–28 as anything but a highly successful Weapon Training year.

ANNUAL COURSE.

The Annual Course of 1926–27 was in many ways rather a complicated one, and when we were informed towards the end of 1927 that a new and shorter course was being produced, the key note of which was “simplicity,” we breathed a sigh of relief.

2nd BATTALION.



WINNERS OF THE WORCESTERSHIRE CUP.

Bisley, 1928.

Sergt. S. Beebe.

Sergt. A. Butler, M.M.

When the details of the new Course arrived, however, we spent many happy hours looking for the promised "simplicity." A maze of figures and a long row of categories, together with the inevitable amendments, questions and answers, produced a series of problems, for the solution of which no prizes were offered.

Battalion Averages.

Rifle:—

Trained Soldiers (partially exempt)	..	..	97.39
Trained Soldiers (not exempt)	..	..	87.78
Recruits	..	..	59.87

Lewis Gun:—

Trained Soldiers (partially exempt)	..	..	51.04
Trained Soldiers (not exempt)	..	..	50.77
Recruits	..	..	75.60
Anti-Aircraft Personnel	..	..	76.92

Machine Gun 229.00

Revolver 34.52

Classification.

Rifle:—

	Marksman.	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Cl. or Unqual.
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Trained Soldiers ..	138	66	48	2
Recruits	—	100	134	22

Lewis Gun:—

Trained Soldiers ..	33	31	52	14
Recruits	—	151	88	13
Anti-Aircraft ..	2	11	12	1

Machine Gun 58

Revolver 83

The above results are impossible to compare with those of previous years as the Courses fired are completely different throughout, but they have been set on record in the hope that a comparison may be drawn if the Courses remain the same for another full year.

Order of Merit by Companies.

	Fig. of Merit.
"A" Company (Major D. E. Prideaux-Brune, D.S.O.)	243.56
"B" Company (Captain E. S. B. Williams).	238.16
"C" Company (Lieut. D. R. H. Gwynne)	225.50

Best Shooting Platoon.

No. 1 Platoon (Lieut. W. P. S. Curtis) 244.69

Best Shot with Rifle.

Sergeant A. Lord, "A" Company	Score*
	40

* See footnote on p. 142.

Best Shot with Lewis Gun.

Sergeant A. Butler, M.M., "A" Company.	60
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Best Shot with Machine-Gun.

A/Corpl. E. Blake, M.G. Company	370
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Best Shot of Young Soldiers.

	Rifle*	Lewis Gun*	Total*
Rfn. F. Weaver, "B" Company	36	46	82

Best Shot W.O.'s and Sergeants.

Sergeant A. Butler, M.M., "A" Coy.	46	60	106
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Best Shot of Corpls. A/Corpls. and Rfn.

Rfn. A. Cutler, "A" Coy.	35	60	95
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Best Shot of Companies.

"A" Coy. Sergt. A. Butler, M.M.	46	60	106
"B" Coy. Sergt. G. Norton	33	40	73
"C" Coy. Sergt. F. Pearce	42	36	78
"H.Q." Wing. A/Corpl. W. Ralph			

ESSEX COUNTY RIFLE MEETING.

This Meeting took place on the Middlewick Ranges on 9 June. It was similar to last year, run on National Rifle Association lines, and consisted of two main team events, for which Challenge Shields were presented and a number of individual events for cash prizes.

The Competitions were open to members of the Regular Forces, Territorial Army and Civilian Rifle Clubs whose head-quarters are situated in Essex.

In spite of very bad weather conditions there was a large attendance and the Meeting lasted all day.

In the individual events King-Salter put up a remarkable performance, defeating all comers, several of whom were of English VIII standard, in many open and peep-sight competitions. His score of 103 out of 105 in the wind and rain was astonishing.

He returned from the Meeting laden with much cash and his name appeared at intervals in the local papers for the next week.

In the only two Team Events the Battalion shot extremely well.

We won the Essex County Challenge Shield from the previous winners with 30 points to spare and were only beaten by a short head in the "R. A. Jones Challenge Shield" Match. The latter was a "peep-sight" shoot, and it was a particularly creditable performance, considering that we were competing against Civilian

* The scores quoted are those obtained on a special shoot-off by those qualified owing to leading scores obtained in particular categories in the Annual Course.

Rifle Clubs who are experts in this form of shooting, while we had only had a few days' practice.

The results were as follows :—

TEAM EVENTS.

Essex County Challenge Shield : Battalion Team, 1st Place (The Challenge Shield and £6).

The R. A. Jones Challenge Shield : Battalion Team, 2nd Place (Silver spoons).

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS.

		Place.
<i>Any Rifle Aggregate</i> :	Lieut. E. J. C. King-Salter	1st
	Sergt. V. Barnes	5th
<i>All Comers' Aggregate</i> :	Lieut. E. J. C. King-Salter	1st
<i>All Comers' Aggregate 500x</i> :	Lieut. E. J. C. King-Salter	1st
<i>All Comers' Aggregate, 200x</i> :	Lieut. E. J. C. King-Salter	2nd
<i>The Lord Lieutenant's Match</i> :	Lieut. E. J. C. King-Salter	1st
	Corpl. E. Welsh	3rd
	Rfn. H. Ashington	4th
	Corpl. P. Walbridge	5th
	Sergt. V. Barnes	9th
<i>The President's Match</i> :	Sergt. A. Butler, M.M. ..	10th
<i>Prizes won</i> : 1 Silver Challenge Shield.		
6 Silver Spoons.		
£17 15s. in cash.		

THE A.R.A. CENTRAL MEETING, BISLEY.

As last year, the Battalion entered for all the principal team and individual events in the Army Meeting and National Rifle Association Meeting, and the Battalion Team left for Bisley on 24 June.

The team remained throughout the whole of the Army Meeting and for the first few days of the N.R.A. Meeting, while a few members were permitted to stay on for the N.R.A. Individual Events till the end of the Meeting.

The shooting of the Battalion representatives reached a very high standard, and those who were present will remember the Bisley of 1928.

First there was King-Salter's great bid for the Army Championship, when he lost it by 2 points out of a total of over 350, but won the Silver Jewel, a feat only twice previously accomplished by a member of the Regiment.

Then came Sergeant Beebe's and Sergeant Butler's victory in the Worcestershire Cup, when they set up a record score for the event.

Next came a collapse in the Small Arms Cup followed by a remarkable recovery which so nearly won us the Trophy, and

finally came King-Salter's victory in the Revolver Cup, a deservedly popular one, as he has been in the first three in this event for the past four years.

In the N.R.A. Meeting we started well, being second in the L.A. Match, third in the "Brinsmead," and fourth in the "Canada Shield," defeating the Small Arms School and all Army Units in each case, and only losing to strong Naval and Marine Teams by a few points. In the later matches the teams did not do so well as last year, though many prizes were won in the individual events.

Details of both Meetings are given below :—

A.R.A. CENTRAL MEETING. INDIVIDUAL EVENTS.

A large number of cash prizes were won but only those highly placed in the prize lists are mentioned. Six members of the team were selected to shoot in the "Army Hundred."

Roupell Cup.

				Place.
Class "A":	Sergt. E. Giles	..	..	3rd
	Lieut. E. J. C. King-Salter	..	..	11th
Class "B":	Rfn. A. Bayley	..	..	5th
Class "C":	Rfn. G. Snowball	..	..	1st

Roberts Cup.

Class "A":	Sergt. E. Giles	..	..	6th
	Lieut. E. J. C. King-Salter	..	..	10th
Class "B":	Corpl. P. Walbridge	15th
Class "C":	A/Corpl. A. Rose	3rd

Army Hundred Cup.

Lieut. E. J. C. King-Salter	2nd
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The Army Championship.

Class "A":	Lieut. E. J. C. King-Salter	2nd
	Sergt. E. Giles	7th
Class "B":	Corpl. P. Walbridge	5th

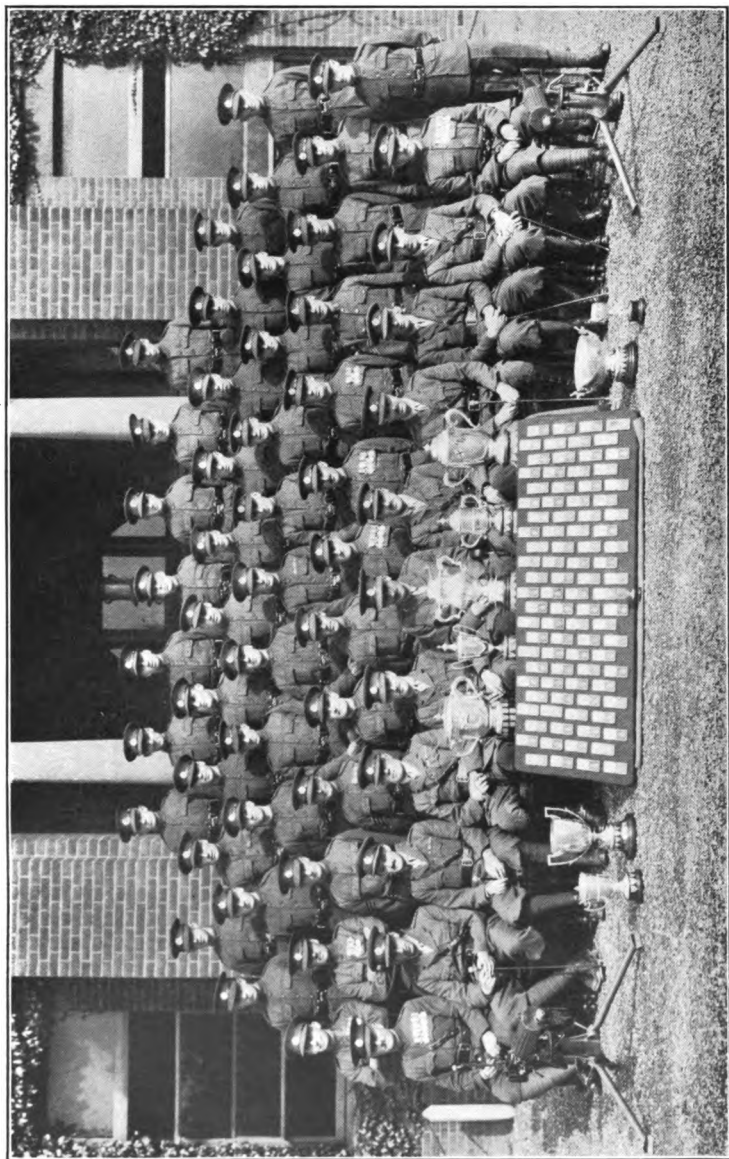
Worcestershire Cup.

Class "A":	Sergt. S. Beebe	}	..	..	1st
	Sergt. A. Butler, M.M.				
	Sergt. V. Barnes				
	Sergt. G. Norton	..	..	..	3rd

Revolver Thirty Cup.

Lieut. E. J. C. King-Salter	..	..	..	1st
Lieut. E. P. A. des Graz	..	..	..	4th

2nd BATTALION.



CHALLENGE CUPS AND MEDALS WON AT COLCHESTER GARRISON RIFLE MEETING, AND SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF THE TEAMS. 1928.

TEAM EVENTS.

					Place.
<i>Small Arms Cup</i> :	Battalion Team	..	..	..	2nd
<i>Britannia Trophy</i> :	Battalion Team	..	..	..	4th
<i>Methuen Cup (Greenjackets)</i> :	Team	..	..	..	7th

Summary of Prizes Won.

Silver Cups	..	..	..	..	..	2
Silver Jewels	..	..	..	..	..	1
Silver Medals	..	..	..	..	..	5
Bronze Medals	..	..	..	..	..	13
Cash	..	..	..	..	..	£75 14s.

N.R.A. CENTRAL MEETING. INDIVIDUAL EVENTS.

					Place.
<i>Southern Railway</i>	..	Lieut. E. J. C. King-Salter	..	..	13th
		Sergt. E. Giles	..	..	28th
<i>Kinnaird</i>	..	Sergt. A. Butler, M.M.	..	..	44th
<i>Birmingham Small Arms</i>		Sergt. G. Norton	..	..	55th
<i>H.M. Queen Mary's Prize</i>		Sergt. G. Norton	..	..	7th
		Sergt. V. Barnes	..	..	8th
		Lieut. E. J. C. King-Salter	..	..	20th
		Sergt. E. Giles	..	..	43rd
		Lieut. E. P. A. des Graz	..	..	41st
		C.S.M. W. Grinter	..	..	89th
<i>H.M. The King's Medal</i>		Sergt. E. Giles	..	..	6th
		Sergt. V. Barnes	..	..	8th
		Sergt. A. Butler, M.M.	..	..	14th
		Lieut. E. J. C. King-Salter	..	..	30th
<i>Wimbledon</i>	..	C.S.M. H. Grinter	..	..	53rd
<i>Wantage</i>	..	Sergt. V. Barnes	..	..	19th
		Sergt. E. Giles	..	..	25th
<i>Secretary of State</i>	..	Sergt. E. Giles	..	..	33rd
<i>Service Rifle Aggregate</i>		Sergt. V. Barnes	..	..	16th
		Sergt. E. Giles	..	..	25th
		Lieut. E. J. C. King-Salter	..	..	38th
<i>St. George's Vase</i>	..	Sergt. E. Giles	..	..	31st
<i>The Nobel</i>	..	C.S.M. W. Grinter	..	..	27th
		Sergt. E. Giles	..	..	159th
<i>Revolver Medals</i>..	..	Lieut. E. J. C. King-Salter	..	..	3rd
<i>Revolver Badges</i>	..	Lieut. E. J. C. King-Salter	..	..	3rd
<i>Revolver Prizes</i> ..	..	Lieut. E. J. C. King-Salter	..	..	4th

TEAM EVENTS.

					Place.
<i>Brinsmead Challenge Shield</i>		Battalion Team	3rd
<i>Canada Shield</i>	Battalion Team	4th
<i>Lewis Gun Match</i>	..	Battalion Team	2nd

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Summary of Prizes Won.

Silver Cups	10
Silver Medals	77
Bronze Medals	16

A.R.A. NON-CENTRAL MATCHES.

As usual, Battalion and Company Teams were entered for all the principal Non-Central Matches and the results for the year were most satisfactory.

We won the Queen Victoria Trophy for the second time in succession and for the fourth time since the War. We also again won the King George V. Cup, and were runners-up in no less than four of the other competitions.

The Machine Gunners are to be congratulated on some very fine shooting, having gained the unusual distinction of winning the Bronze Medals for both the Machine Gun Cup and the Machine-Gun Fire Control Cup, two matches fired in different places and under completely different conditions.

The team was only one point behind the winners in the former match out of a total of over 800 points.

The Young Soldiers Team and H.Q. Wing Company Shield Team also secured the Bronze Medals for their respective events with an excellent score in each case.

We were also highly placed in the Royal Irish and Duke of Connaught Cups while in the Hopton Cup we had the satisfaction of seeing eight of our Platoons among the first sixteen in the prize list.

In nearly all the Non-Central Matches some alterations had been made to conform to the reduced scale of ammunition. The King George and Royal Irish Cup Teams were reduced from eight to four, and in most of the other matches a saving was made by shortening or eliminating some of the practices. The general conditions of each match were left unaltered as far as possible.

The results of the A.R.A. Non-Central Matches were as follows :

		Place.	
<i>Queen Victoria Trophy</i> :	Battalion	..	1st (Trophy and Large Silver Medal.)
<i>King George Cup</i> :	No. 1 Team	..	1st (Cup, Large Silver Medal and Individual Medals.)
	No. 2 Team	..	6th
<i>Royal Irish Cup</i> :	No. 1 Team	..	5th
	No. 2 Team	..	11th
<i>Young Soldiers' Cup</i> :	Battalion Team	2nd	(Large Bronze Medal and Individual Medals.)

<i>Company Shield</i> :	"H.Q." Wing	..	2nd	(Large Bronze Medal and Individual Medals.)
	"C" Company	..	4th	
	"B" Company	..	17th	
<i>Hopton Cup</i> :	No. 8 Platoon	..	4th	
	No. 11 Platoon	..	6th	
	No. 1 Platoon	..	9th	
	No. 10 Platoon	..	11th	
	No. 5 Platoon	..	12th	
	No. 9 Platoon	..	13th	
	No. 7 Platoon	..	14th	
	No. 12 Platoon	..	16th	
<i>Machine Gun Cup</i> :	No. 2 Team	..	2nd	(Large Bronze Medal and Individual Medals.)
	No. 1 Team	..	19th	
<i>M.G. Fire Control Cup</i> :	Battalion Team	2nd	(Large Bronze Medal and Individual Medals.)	
<i>Duke of Connaught Cup</i> :	Battn. Team	6th		
<i>Revolver Cup</i> :	Lieut. E. J. C. King-Salter	..	12th	

EASTERN COMMAND TROPHIES.

The undermentioned Trophies were also won by the Battalion, having been competed for concurrently with the A.R.A. Non-Central Matches :—

The Grierson Shield (concurrent with M.G. Fire Control Cup).

The Eastern Command Young Soldiers' Cup (concurrent with Young Soldiers' Cup).

SUMMARY OF PRIZES.

A summary of prizes won by the Battalion during the past year is worth setting on record as it represents, not the deeds of a few experts, but a standard of efficiency of all ranks in the Battalion with Rifle, Machine-Gun, Lewis Gun, and Revolver.

Challenge Trophies, Shields and Cups	..	..	15
Cups won outright	..	..	2
A.R.A. and N.R.A. Jewels, Silver and Bronze Medals	114		
Other Silver and Bronze Medals	..	..	93
Silver Spoons, etc.	..	..	7
Cash Prizes amounting to	..	..	over £200

Up to date we have not heard of any further proposed alteration of importance in the Annual Course and, although details are not yet available, we have no reason to anticipate much alteration

in the A.R.A. Central or Non-Central Matches for the coming season.

Making ends meet with the shortage of ammunition will once again be a difficult problem, but we look forward to a full programme and, we hope, a successful one for the Weapon Training Year of 1928-29.

THE RIFLE BRIGADE DEPÔT.

THE RIFLE DEPÔT SHOOTING CLUB.

ANNUAL matches under "Country Life" conditions were fixed against Winchester College. On the Dépôt Range we won by 78 points and at College by 34 points.

With the assistance of the 2/60th we raised a team to fire against the Brigade of Guards under Methuen Cup conditions. They, however, were too strong for us and beat us at Chilcomb and Pirbright.

It was our turn to visit Brighton College this year for the annual match under "Ashburton" conditions. The Dépôt won by 9 points. R.S.M. Apsey made top score with 64 points.

Our team at the Southern Command Rifle Meeting was not at full strength but nevertheless we won several small individual prizes and were 2nd in the "Rapid Fire" Competition.

Results of other Matches were as follows :—

I. ARMY RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

Central Meeting represented by Lieutenant H. S. P. Hopkinson, R.S.M. W. Apsey, D.C.M., Sergt. E. Dudman, Rfn. White and Homewood.

The Roupell Cup.

Class "A."—Lieut. Hopkinson, £1.

R.S.M. Apsey, £1.

Class "B."—Rfn. White, £1.

The Roberts Cup.

Class "A."—R.S.M. Apsey, £1.

Sergt. Dudman, £1.

Class "B."—Rfn. White, £3.

Rfn. Homewood, 10s.

The Army Hundred Cup.

Rfn. White, £2.

Lieut. Hopkinson, £1.

R.S.M. Apsey, £1.

Sergt. Dudman, 10s.

The Army Championship.

Class "B."—Won by Rfn. White, A.R.A., Silver Medal.

The King's Medal.

4th. Rfn. White.
24th. R.S.M. Apsey.
31st. Lieut. Hopkinson.

The Army Eight.

R.S.M. Apsey, Gold Bar to Jewel and Silver Bowl.
Rfn. White was also selected to practise.

ARMY RIFLE ASSOCIATION—NON-CENTRAL MEETING.

The Prince of Wales' Cup.

Fired at Chilcomb Range on 24 September. Score, 646 points.
3rd Place, £2.

Top scores of 99 points, each by R.S.M. Apsey and Rfn. White.

II. NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The B.S.A. Competition.

18th. R.S.M. Apsey, £1.
38th. Rfn. Homewood, £1.
52nd. Sergt. Dudman, £1.

The Queen Mary Competition.

38th. Rfn. White.
83rd. R.S.M. Apsey.

The Southern Railway Competition.

34th. Lieut. Hopkinson, £1.

The Kinnaird Competition.

5th. R.S.M. Apsey, £2 1s. 6d.

The Imperial Tobacco Competition.

6th. R.S.M. Apsey, £3.
19th. Rfn. White, £1.

The McQueen Competition.

Rfn. White, £1.

The Wantage Competition.

Rfn. White, £1 11s. 9d.
R.S.M. Apsey, 10s.

The Secretary of State Competition.

Rfn. White, £1.

The Stevens Competition.

Rfn. White, £1.

The Service Rifle Championship.

R.S.M. Apsey, £1 and Badge.

Rfn. White, £1 and Badge.

The King's Prize.

Rfn. White, £2.

The Inter-Services Competition.—20.

R.S.M. Apsey (Reserve).

(From Prizes, Sweepstakes, etc.)

Total Cash	..	..	..	..	..	£44	13	9
Silver Medal	..	..	..	..	..	Won	1	
Bar to Medal	..	..	..	..	..	„	1	
Silver Bowl	..	..	..	..	..	„	1	
Bronze Badges	..	..	..	..	..	„	2	

A CHAMOIS SHOOT IN THE AUSTRIAN TYROL.

BY LIEUTENANT G. WHITAKER.

ON Sunday, 7 October 1927, des Graz and I left Victoria Station by the 10 a.m. boat train to Dover. From here we crossed to Ostend, where we got into a sleeping car and delivered up our tickets, passports and sundry other worries to the Sleeping Car attendant, who took charge of everything until we arrived at Basle at 6 a.m. next day. Here we nearly missed our connection through eating too large a breakfast, but in the end our Swiss porter managed to bundle us into the proper train with half a minute to spare.

When we reached the Austrian frontier we expected to be asked to produce the permits for our rifles, but the official who examined our luggage refused to take any notice of these suspicious-looking weapons, although we drew his attention to them. At about 3 p.m. we reached Landeck, which was the end of our journey by rail. It was too late to get up to our hunting-ground that day, so we stayed for the night at the only hotel in the town, the Goldene Adler by name, the proprietor greeting us in perfect English.

In Landeck we purchased several "necessaries," which included a pair of mountain boots for des Graz. These presented a certain amount of difficulty, as the local shop could only supply sizes $8\frac{1}{2}$ and $9\frac{1}{2}$, whereas des Graz wanted nines. The smaller pair he feared would pinch his big toes, but he found that he could

wander at will in the unexplored regions of the larger size. Eventually he selected the small pair, hoping fervently that they would stretch. We also looked at some Tyrolean hats, but after trying on a few of these we came to the conclusion that there were limits to the amount of chaff we could stand from our friends.

Next day we motored a distance of about twenty kilometres to Feuchten, the nearest village to our shooting ground. Here we met our Jäger (keeper), one Josef Auer by name. He informed us that he had made all arrangements, and that we could proceed to our hunting-box at once.

Presently we were introduced to the staff—Josef Auer, our guide and stalker, was a small spare man about forty years of age, who wore a Jäger's grey coat with a green collar and green edges. There was also a short thick-set man who was always referred to as "Albert," whose function I understood Auer to say would be to stand on top of the mountain waving his arms to prevent the game going over the boundary. In point of fact he did nothing of the sort, and it seemed to me later that he must have been engaged for the sole purpose of carrying one of the rifles. His remuneration, however, was not excessive—seven schillings a day (about 4s.).

But the most imposing figure in our party was Rudolf Monk, professional guide, amateur cook, and in spare moments, Lord Mayor of Feuchten. He was the proprietor of our Alpine hut, which is utilized during the summer months as a rest-house by German and Austrian gentlemen who climb for amusement. He stood 5 ft. 4 in. in his socks, and he greeted us with great enthusiasm. Yes, he had provisions unlimited at the hut: beds, blankets and even a bath; and he

could cook anything that the English Herrn wished to eat. Let us start at once for the Verpeil Hütte; it was only a little distance up the hill, and he himself had once reached it in three-quarters of an hour from Feuchten, when he had heard that some Italians who had been staying there were departing without paying their bill.

At about 4 p.m. we started up a steep mountain path, and before we had been climbing very long we were wondering how much further we had to go. As we climbed higher, however, the slope became more gradual, and we eventually arrived at the hut after we had been walking for a little less than two hours.

The Verpeil Hütte lay in the centre of a large valley with an altitude of rather more than 6,000 ft. We were shut in by mountains on the north, east and south, with the principal range to the east culminating in the formidable-looking Schwabenkopf, whose summit was 10,400 ft. high.

The hut consisted of a dining-room, a bedroom containing three beds, a kitchen, a storeroom and a large loft. There was a stove in the dining-room, which gave out a certain amount of heat and large quantities of smoke.

We very soon discovered that Monk's idea of cooking did not altogether coincide with our preconceived notions of the art. Happily des Graz was a bit of an expert, having acute and possibly tender memories of his early days as a fag at Eton. On the first evening we suggested an omelette for dinner. The result bore a distinct resemblance to an inflated roly-poly pudding, and we mutually agreed that the attempt should not be repeated. Des Graz had a nice taste in omelettes, and next evening the real thing appeared.

In the morning Monk was not much more successful with the eggs and bacon, so we gave him a demonstration of how we thought they ought to be cooked, with much happier results. Monk looked on with a mixture of awe and amusement, and when we had finished he remarked, "Well, one lives and learns; the English Herrn have given me a cooking lesson."

But when, on the second evening after their arrival the English Herrn demanded several buckets of hot water for baths, Monk was not so easily amused. He had just returned from a long day spent in carrying up the Herrn's heavier baggage, and perhaps he found their requirements a little exacting.

"This is not a hotel!" he exclaimed as he brought in the final bucket, walked out and slammed the door behind him.

Later in the evening, however, harmony was restored by a little bright conversation after supper, and when I presented him with a Chinese silver dollar to which he had taken a fancy, he seemed quite overjoyed, and we said "Gute Nacht" the best of friends. After this we never experienced any trouble over hot water.

Next morning the staff displayed a certain amount of interest in des Graz' mountain boots, and they wished to know how much he had paid for them.

"Fifty-five shillings," replied des Graz. "But I expect they have charged me double because I am an English Herr. Foreigners always think that all English Herrn are mad."

"Yes, Herr Leutenant," said Monk. "We pay twenty-six shillings. And all English Herrn are mad. You and the Herr Kapitän are the only two who are not mad."

Our friends spoke no English, and our German was halting and uncertain, so that there were frequent pauses in the conversation and not a few misunderstandings. But on the whole we got along fairly well, and usually managed to get what we wanted by making use of signs and an amiable grin. I was always addressed as "Herr Kapitän," whilst des Graz, to my secret delight, was always "Herr Leutenant."

Monk's supreme effort at cookery came on the fourth night after our arrival. We suggested some sardines as a variation in the savoury, and des Graz asked Monk to fry them just as we had taught him to fry the eggs. Monk looked a little taken aback, but he was not going to admit defeat, and immediately remarked "Ja, ja, ich verstehe." We waited for about half an hour, and then des Graz said that he thought he had better go and see what was happening. He went into the kitchen, and a minute later I heard the sound of a familiar laugh. I followed, and beheld des Graz, Josef Auer and Albert all holding their sides with laughter. Monk was looking at each of them in turn, uncertain whether to stand on his dignity and be annoyed, or to join in the laugh against himself.

A small unopened tin of sardines lay in the middle of a large frying-pan full of boiling water !

The operations against the chamois unfortunately were not crowned with success. To begin with, as our keeper frequently remarked, "Das Wetter ist immer schlecht" (The weather is always bad). There were only two ways of approach to the dizzy heights on which the enemy always seemed to post themselves, and one of these was barred by a glacier which defeated all our attempts to cross it. For the alternative route, the wind was always wrong.

On the first day after our arrival the mountains were shrouded in mist, and snow fell at not infrequent intervals. We went down into the woods to try to get a roe-deer. Des Graz and I occupied positions on the edge of a clearing, whilst Josef Auer and Albert conducted three "drives" towards us. Nothing happened until near the end of the last drive, when I began to feel the cold so acutely that I determined to shift my position to a place from which I thought I could get a better view of the ground I was watching. This at least was my excuse for moving. As I established myself behind my new cover, I observed a roe-buck peep out from the trees on the opposite side of the clearing and discreetly withdraw again. He did not reappear.

On the second morning the weather improved, and we had a long day on the mountain after some chamois that Auer had "*schaued*"* through his telescope on the side of the mountain. Unfortunately they either winded us or saw us before we were half-way up the hill, and to our great disappointment we observed them disappearing over the skyline. On our way home Auer showed us a place quite low down in the valley where he had repeatedly seen a three-legged buck in the summer.

On the third day the mist was again in the valley, but Auer saw a buck high up on a precipitous cliff on our northern front, and we insisted on going after it. Then began a climb in the course of which hours of strenuous exertion were sometimes varied by moments of extreme terror. Our alpenstocks, so indispensable to the practised mountaineer, were merely an encumbrance to des Graz and myself, and we would gladly have thrown them away if they had not belonged to

* Observed.

somebody else. Auer, who was leading, seemed to have a distinct partiality for the edge of everything, and we clung with both hands to every ledge or rock which came within our grasp. Fortunately we had no time to look below us.

Eventually we reached a rock on the side of a precipice about four hundred yards from our quarry, and nearer than this Auer declared that we must not approach, as the wind was unfavourable. Meanwhile the mist had come down heavily, and at times it was impossible to discern objects thirty yards away. Snow was falling quite fast, and we were bitterly cold sitting on our rock. Presently Auer found a small cave amongst the stones, and into this hole we all climbed. Here we remained for over two hours hoping for the mist to clear, and we were just coming to the conclusion that things were hopeless when quite suddenly there was a break in the clouds and a patch of blue sky appeared. Within two minutes the mist had cleared from the hill top, but an enormous black cloud was coming up from the north behind the patch of blue sky. It looked as though we were in for another snow storm, but in some miraculous manner the black cloud rolled away, to the west, and very soon the sun was shining merrily as though there was no such thing as "schlechtes Wetter."

We got moving at once. The buck was no longer visible, but Auer said that he must be quite close, probably hiding behind a rock on the other side of the gorge. He thought that the best thing to do was that he should make a detour on to the heights above and try to scare him from his hiding-place by throwing down stones from the rocks above him. As we were already within three hundred yards of the summit this was quite

possible, so after posting des Graz and myself in commanding positions overlooking the precipice, he climbed to the top and proceeded to dislodge quite a small avalanche of stones into the gorge below. But alas ! no buck emerged, and after spending a very cold half-hour waiting for him, we were not sorry to commence our descent to the Verpeil Hütte.

For three days longer the bad weather continued, and it began to look as though we were going to depart without another fine day, when one morning, after a particularly heavy fall of snow during the night, we awoke to find a cloudless blue sky, and the rays of the early morning sun reflected on the tops of the mountains just like those coloured picture postcards which one often believes to be unreal or exaggerated.

Josef Auer greeted us with a broad grin. "Guten Morgen, Herr Kapitän. Guten Morgen, Herr Leutnant ; heute schönes Wetter" (Fine weather to-day).

I inquired about his plan of campaign, and he answered that the wind was still unfavourable for advancing straight up the valley, but that he thought we might be able to get round the back of the mountain over the glacier, provided that the snow was not too deep. The wind was right for this line of attack, and we should be able to surprise "die Gemse"* from the rear.

We left the hut a little before 7 a.m., both hands buried deep in our pockets to prevent our fingers freezing. At about 8 a.m. we started to climb, still keeping our hands in our pockets. The sun had not yet risen high enough to warm the side of the mountain on which we were climbing, and to make matters worse, an icy wind was blowing straight in our faces. As we progressed, it became necessary sometimes to take one

* Chamois.

hand out of our pockets to catch hold of some support in places where the snow was treacherous. The higher we climbed the deeper we found the snow, but the nearer we were to the sunlit slopes above. Occasionally we lost our foothold and plunged both hands and even faces into the snow, and these were agonizing moments.

At last towards 10 a.m. we reached the lower end of the glacier, and at the same time we came within reach of the sun. Our feet and hands soon got warm, but now began our struggles with the glacier. The snow turned out to be much deeper than we had anticipated. Auer went in front, at each step feeling the ground in front of him with his stick. We followed in his footsteps, testing the snow to right and left of us. Sometimes our stocks went right through without meeting any resistance.

After a time Albert relieved Auer in the lead, but the latter did not trust him very far, as he sometimes omitted to test the ground properly in front.

"Presently he will fall in," said Auer, turning round to look at us with a cheerful grin.

Josef soon went to the front again, and quite suddenly he almost completely disappeared. Des Graz just had time to seize him by the collar, I caught des Graz round the middle, and we both pulled hard enough to enable Auer to scramble out again.

"Nichts gut," was his only comment.

The further we went the more obvious it became that we were not going to get across the glacier, for we found our way barred by ominous looking cracks whichever way we turned. Finally, after two hours' struggle, we had to turn back, defeated. It was still early, so as this was our last day we decided to try to get to the chamois up the valley, wind or no wind.

Having got safely down from the glacier, we had lunch and started our advance up the valley. Before we had gone very far, Josef Auer took a "schau" through his telescope and spied chamois tracks on the side of a hill about half a mile away. There was a big ridge between ourselves and these tracks, and he had hopes that the chamois were in a small depression just beyond this ridge. We decided to go and see.

A little further on we came upon more tracks going up the hill. This looked ominous, but we hoped that they had been made by a different lot of "Gemse." When we reached the ridge after an hour of exhausting climbing, Josef went forward a few paces to look over the edge. The game did not appear to be on the other side of the ridge, and presently he turned his glasses on to the hills on the far side of the glacier, which we were now approaching from a new direction. Suddenly he started back.

"Ach! Herr Kapitän. Der Bok mit drei Füsse" (The buck with three feet).

My eyes followed the direction of his outstretched arm. Eight hundred metres away I observed several "Gemse" disappearing over the horizon, including one with three legs and a broad grin all over his face.

This was our last attempt to get even with the enemy. We gave permission to Josef Auer and also to Herr Luftenegger, the Oberforstrat,* to shoot a buck apiece if they could get them. They said that they would try at the end of November. And the thought of Auer and Luftenegger (who was a big heavy man), limping through three or four feet of snow in the depth of winter in pursuit of their buck afforded us some consolation for not killing any ourselves.

* Chief Forester.

THE TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS OF THE RIFLE BRIGADE, 1914-20.

BY CAPTAIN R. C. BRIDGEMAN, M.C.

The writer wishes to express his thanks to Mr. Dixon, of the Historical Section C.I.D., Mr. Nelson of the War Office Records Section, and Mr. Schneider of the War Office T.A. Directorate, for their assistance in tracing the documents from which his account has been written ; also to Colonel H. Needham, C.M.G., D.S.O., and Major H. O. Pauncefort Munday, O.B.E., late 22nd Battn. The Rifle Brigade, T.F., for information as to the 22nd Battn.

IN response to Lord Roberts' appeals, the National Reserve was formed in the years just before the War. Every man with previous military service of any kind was eligible, and all who enrolled undertook an honourable obligation to serve in the event of war ; thus in August 1914 large numbers of old soldiers joined up throughout the country.

At first their duties were ill-defined. They were not uniformed or armed and they began by combining with the police in guarding railways, bridges and such vulnerable points, in anticipation of sabotage which, in the event, was frustrated by the very efficient round-up of German agents on the outbreak of war.

Gradually the duties of the National Reservists became more military. They were recognized by the War Office on 17 August 1914, and on 22 August were attested and appointed to Home Defence Companies which were supernumerary to the eight Service Companies of their local Territorial Battalions. This arrangement was not an ideal one, and as the Terri-

torial Divisions moved from their peace stations to the theatres of war, these companies, with no higher organization, were scattered throughout the kingdom. They were far too numerous for the protective duties required, for by this time it was clear that the War would not be fought on this side of the Channel; they also included a large number of those who were capable of playing a more active part.

Thus it was that on 29 July 1915 the War Office decided to concentrate a number of these companies at Halton Park, near Tring—now the Royal Air Force Depôt—and form them into Garrison Battalions, withdrawing all fit men and sending those unfit for any duty overseas to existing Home Service Provisional Battalions.

Brig.-General E. W. S. Grove, C.B., was appointed to command at Halton, and the ex-National Reservists—each draft with a proper quota of officers and N.C.O.'s, began to arrive, bringing their "equipment and carbine." They were classified by age as—Under 40; 40–45; over 45 years, those under 40 being drafted, if fit and willing, to units finding drafts for overseas, and of the remainder, all who were willing to take the Imperial Service obligation were ordered to be formed into "T.F. Provisional Battalions, for service at home and abroad if required." They were to be called "Foreign Service T.F. Provisional Battalions."

Seven battalions in all were thus formed, from every Territorial Infantry Regiment in the kingdom; the Guards, 60th Rifles and The Rifle Brigade were the only ones not represented, for since they had no territorial areas, no National Reservists had been affiliated to them.

In these circumstances it was a difficult problem for the War Office to decide what regiments should adopt these battalions. It was administratively desirable that they should have a common Record Office and Paymaster ; correspondence between the various branches of the War Office waxed furious till the Director of Personal Services of the day suggested the Gilbertian solution that either the 60th Rifles or The Rifle Brigade, having no claim to any, should adopt them all. Eventually they were allotted to The Rifle Brigade ; and the City of London Territorial Association agreed to assume responsibility for their administration.

No record is available to show what steps, if any, were taken to associate them in any way with the existing units of the Regiment. They were given a separate Pay and Record Office, and no single officer, N.C.O. or man of The Rifle Brigade was in the first instance appointed to them. They were, however, authorized, in December 1915, to wear the Regimental Badge with the shoulder title "R.B." surmounted by a "T."

The personnel assembled was then invited to transfer to The Rifle Brigade, and it appears that there was no reluctance to do so. The only matter for regret is that the Regiment was not given, at the time, an opportunity to help in the upbringing of its foster-children which, though "there was a war on" at the time might have been done with advantage and have prevented an heretical weakness for drums which appears in the later history of some of the battalions. All the same, like others who have had "greatness thrust upon them," they became Riflemen, and their records show that they were by no means unworthy of the name.

Their story is perhaps unknown to most who served in other battalions of the Regiment and, although it does not make exciting reading, may prove worth recording for those who care to explore the by-ways of the War, untravelled by so many who are familiar with the well-marked highways of France and Flanders.

The seven battalions were constituted according to the Territorial origin of the Companies of National Reservists, namely :—

- 18th (London).
- 19th (Western).
- 20th (Northern).
- 21st (Midland).
- 22nd (Wessex and Welsh).
- 23rd (North-Western).
- 24th (Home Counties).

The 25th was a Reserve Battalion and, as will be explained in its story, not formed till later.

Let us now follow briefly the story of each battalion, as far as it can be traced from their records. The 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd have left War Diaries, which vary in interest and literary merit. The 19th Battalion's diary has the greatest appearance of accuracy; it begins with the formation of the Battalion. The 20th Battalion's diary begins abruptly on arrival in Egypt; the 21st and 22nd Battalions did not commence their diaries for some time after arrival overseas, when in response to orders from above they compiled the back numbers from memory; that of the 21st Battalion finishes suddenly on the high seas *en route* from Suez to a destination not mentioned, but which turned out to be Fyzabad.

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The other battalions left no diaries, though the 22nd Battalion left a very useful historical record.

The Honours gained by members of the eight Battalions include :—*

D.S.O. : 1. Lieut.-Colonel Smyth, Commanding 22nd Bn.

M.C. : 2. Capt. Hennessey, 22nd Bn.
Lieut. Palmer, 22nd Bn.

C.B.E. : 3. Capt. Howe, 20th Bn.
Major Raymond, 19th Bn.
Major Pauncefort-Munday, 22nd Bn.

Order of the Nile : 2. Lieut.-Colonel Dobbin, 19th Bn.
Lieut.-Colonel Byrne, 20th Bn.

Médaille d'Honneur : 1. Lieut. Fish, M.C., 22nd (late 12th) Bn.

M.M. : 3.

M.S.M. : 7.

Mentioned in Despatches : 26 Officers, 20 Others.

18TH BATTALION.

The 18th (London) Battalion, like the 23rd and 24th, which also went to India, left no War Diary or Historical Record, and the outline of its history has had to be reconstructed from the somewhat dry bones of Part II Orders.

The Battalion came into being about 11 November 1915, being formed by transfers from the Queen's,

* The list is probably incomplete, as the record was not apparently kept so as to include the honours of 1 January and 3 June 1919; also a number of the officers serving with battalions were on the books of other regiments and honours awarded to them may have been recorded elsewhere.

Royal Sussex, East Surrey, Essex and Middlesex Regiments, and from the 7th, 10th, 18th, 20th and 24th Battalions London Regiment.

They were commanded throughout their existence by Lieut.-Colonel C. A. S. Montgomery, a retired Indian Army officer. Unlike some other battalions, they seem never to have yielded to the temptation of the drum. Their buglers came mostly from the 18th London (London Irish), as did their bugle-major, who, alas, reverted to the ranks for inefficiency a year later.

A bare fortnight after they were formed, on 26 November 1915, they sailed for India in the transports "Miltiades" and "Ballarat," with a strength of one thousand all ranks and arrived at Rangoon on 2 January 1916. Here they remained, quartered at the Sale Barracks, for the rest of the War. Their life must indeed have been a dull one, and the very marked absence of crime in Part II Orders is greatly to their credit.

They had a detachment of two companies at Port Blair, in the Andaman Islands, guarding the Convict Settlement. This was reduced to one company in February 1917, and finally relieved by the 1st Garrison Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers; to judge by the admissions to hospital it can hardly have been an enjoyable station.

No adventures occurred, though detachments went on escort duty to Basra (and qualified for the Victory Medal), and were employed on the mine-sweepers' patrol at Bombay.

Numerous other duties fell to their lot at Rangoon, such as enrolling Anglo-Indians for military service and instructing the Indian Defence Force.

The Battalion remained in India till as late as

1 November 1919, when it sailed for home in the " Herefordshire " and, arriving at Devonport a month later, was apparently dispersed at once.

19TH BATTALION.

The 19th Battalion was formed at Halton Park as the Western Foreign Service Battalion, T.F., on 1 November 1915, from drafts of the Supernumerary T.F. Companies of South Lancs, Loyal North Lancs, King's Own, East Lancs, Manchester, Cheshire and West Yorks Regiments, the Royal Scots and the Cameronians.

Originally under the command of Lieut.-Colonel P. F. Lambert, it was commanded from 6 November 1915 till 31 January 1917 by Colonel H. R. Mead, transferred from a Service Battalion of the Leicestershire Regiment ; after a month, during which it was commanded by the senior major, Major E. L. Raymond, Lieut.-Colonel W. J. K. Dobbin from the 1st Garrison Battalion Royal Irish Regiment took over command on 4 February 1917, and remained in command till disbandment.

Their War Diary, alone of the T.F. Battalions of The Rifle Brigade, is accurately kept throughout the existence of the Battalion.

After a month's training at Halton, they were completed to strength from the 20th and 23rd Battalions and sailed with the 21st Battalion in the " Corsican," with a destroyer escort and a stiff breeze, from Devonport on 30 December 1915. Their strength was twenty-nine Officers and nine hundred and ten Others.

The Battalion disembarked at Alexandria without incident on 13 January 1916, and entrained for Ismailia,

where they found guards and duties at "Ferry Post." Here the popularity of the regimental cap badge as a souvenir for the Australians and others is evident through a warning in Battalion Orders that the cap badges were meant to be worn by their owners!

On 12 November 1916 the Battalion moved to Kantara East, and took over duties and guards over the Prisoners-of-War Camp and other places from a composite battalion of the 42nd Division. Here they remained till the end of the War, except for a detachment of two companies at El Arish in August 1917, a time when heavy administrative preparations were in progress on the lines of communication in readiness for the advance which began with the Battle of Beersheba in October of that year.

Their duties during these three years' service must have been dull indeed; at one time their strength of one thousand eight hundred and sixty all ranks included three hundred and ninety-one on detachments and extra-regimental employ and seven hundred and twenty-nine in the Kantara Section defences; manpower boards constantly visited them to "comb out" fit men and replace them by unfits or native subordinates such as Bardawi Ahmed Raya who, the Diary conscientiously records, arrived on the last day of 1917 as "Cook's mate to the Officers' Mess." Small wonder if the Battalion fell from grace on 31 October 1918 by drawing from Ordnance the instruments for a Drum, Fife and Bugle Band.

Nevertheless, their record is a worthy one. "They also serve who only stand and wait," and General Arthur Lloyd, G.O.C. Kantara in the War, not only sent frequent messages of congratulation to the Battalion, but recently told the writer that "they were

a good battalion of steady old soldiers who did all that they were required to do."

They furnished a good guard to the Colonel-in-Chief on his visit in March 1918 and in the Kantara demobilization riots in November 1918 stood to arms and "took prompt action"; through this trying period they remained at Kantara, daily weakening in numbers till on 23 June 1919, when they were disbanded, General Lloyd was able to say in his farewell order:

"The Battalion has weathered all storms and has always kept on an even keel."

20TH BATTALION.

The 20th Battalion was formed at Denham Camp from men of Northumberland Fusiliers, Durham L.I., East Yorks and West Yorks Regiments and Durham R.G.A. In the last days of 1915 it embarked for Egypt in the "Olympic" and "Grampian," disembarking at Alexandria, on 16 January 1916, nine hundred and thirty-two strong. It was commanded by Lieut.-Colonel Miles Emmet Byrne, T.D., who had been transferred from the 24th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Their history was an uneventful one, for they spent the rest of the War finding duties and guards over Prisoners-of-War and Internment Camps, and vulnerable points in the Delta area.

In January 1916 Head-quarters were at Benha with one company at Birket-el-Saba. On the last day of February they moved to Abbassia with two companies guarding prisoners at Maadi and in July took over the duties of 21st Battalion R.B.

Early in 1917 they moved back to Benha and Tanta and in July of that year had two companies at Belbeis. The diary (which at this period strongly

resembles Part II Orders) shows a very marked absence of crime and courts-martial. In March 1918 their Colonel was mentioned in despatches, and in the same year the Battalion provided a Guard-of-Honour to H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught; as an evidence that they were Riflemen in more than name, we find the Duke's A.D.C. writing to thank Colonel Byrne for "so kindly sending him the history of the 20th Rifle Brigade. H.R.H. is glad to see the patriotic spirit which has been so practically shown by the Battalion."

Again on 30 April 1918 the G.O.C.-in-C. after an inspection was "pleased with the good order and condition of the men," and also "pleased to see that friendly relations had been established with the Egyptian officers and that the Battalion is upholding the good name and prestige of the British Army."

The Battalion also found a Guard-of-Honour for the Sultan, the Commander of whose Bodyguard thanked the Colonel for the "very kind service and music band."

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IN response to Lord Roberts' appeals, the National Reserve was formed in the years just before the War. Every man with previous military service of any kind was eligible, and all who enrolled undertook an honourable obligation to serve in the event of war; thus in August 1914 large numbers of old soldiers joined up throughout the country.

At first their duties were ill-defined. They were not uniformed or armed and they began by combining with the police in guarding railways, bridges and such vulnerable points, in anticipation of sabotage which, in the event, was frustrated by the very efficient round-up of German agents on the outbreak of war.

Gradually the duties of the National Reservists became more military. They were recognized by the War Office on 17 August 1914, and on 22 August were attested and appointed to Home Defence Companies which were supernumerary to the eight Service Companies of their local Territorial Battalions. This arrangement was not an ideal one, and as the Terri-

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Thus it was that on 29 July 1915 the War Office decided to concentrate a number of these companies at Halton Park, near Tring—now the Royal Air Force Depôt—and form them into Garrison Battalions, withdrawing all fit men and sending those unfit for any duty overseas to existing Home Service Provisional Battalions.

Brig.-General E. W. S. Grove, C.B., was appointed to command at Halton, and the ex-National Reservists—each draft with a proper quota of officers and N.C.O.'s, began to arrive, bringing their "equipment and carbine." They were classified by age as—Under 40; 40–45; over 45 years, those under 40 being drafted, if fit and willing, to units finding drafts for overseas, and of the remainder, all who were willing to take the Imperial Service obligation were ordered to be formed into "T.F. Provisional Battalions, for service at home and abroad if required." They were to be called "Foreign Service T.F. Provisional Battalions."

Seven battalions in all were thus formed, from every Territorial Infantry Regiment in the kingdom; the Guards, 60th Rifles and The Rifle Brigade were the only ones not represented, for since they had no territorial areas, no National Reservists had been affiliated to them.

In these circumstances it was a difficult problem for the War Office to decide what regiments should adopt these battalions. It was administratively desirable that they should have a common Record Office and Paymaster ; correspondence between the various branches of the War Office waxed furious till the Director of Personal Services of the day suggested the Gilbertian solution that either the 60th Rifles or The Rifle Brigade, having no claim to any, should adopt them all. Eventually they were allotted to The Rifle Brigade ; and the City of London Territorial Association agreed to assume responsibility for their administration.

No record is available to show what steps, if any, were taken to associate them in any way with the existing units of the Regiment. They were given a separate Pay and Record Office, and no single officer, N.C.O. or man of The Rifle Brigade was in the first instance appointed to them. They were, however, authorized, in December 1915, to wear the Regimental Badge with the shoulder title "R.B." surmounted by a "T."

The personnel assembled was then invited to transfer to The Rifle Brigade, and it appears that there was no reluctance to do so. The only matter for regret is that the Regiment was not given, at the time, an opportunity to help in the upbringing of its foster-children which, though "there was a war on" at the time might have been done with advantage and have prevented an heretical weakness for drums which appears in the later history of some of the battalions. All the same, like others who have had "greatness thrust upon them," they became Riflemen, and their records show that they were by no means unworthy of the name.

Their story is perhaps unknown to most who served in other battalions of the Regiment and, although it does not make exciting reading, may prove worth recording for those who care to explore the by-ways of the War, untravelled by so many who are familiar with the well-marked highways of France and Flanders.

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- 18th (London).
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- 20th (Northern).
- 21st (Midland).
- 22nd (Wessex and Welsh).
- 23rd (North-Western).
- 24th (Home Counties).

The 25th was a Reserve Battalion and, as will be explained in its story, not formed till later.

Let us now follow briefly the story of each battalion, as far as it can be traced from their records. The 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd have left War Diaries, which vary in interest and literary merit. The 19th Battalion's diary has the greatest appearance of accuracy; it begins with the formation of the Battalion. The 20th Battalion's diary begins abruptly on arrival in Egypt; the 21st and 22nd Battalions did not commence their diaries for some time after arrival overseas, when in response to orders from above they compiled the back numbers from memory; that of the 21st Battalion finishes suddenly on the high seas *en route* from Suez to a destination not mentioned, but which turned out to be Fyzabad.

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Bn.
Lieut.-Colonel Byrne, 20th
Bn.

Médaille d'Honneur : 1. Lieut. Fish, M.C., 22nd
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M.M. : 3.

M.S.M. : 7.

Mentioned in Despatches : 26 Officers, 20 Others.

18TH BATTALION.

The 18th (London) Battalion, like the 23rd and 24th, which also went to India, left no War Diary or Historical Record, and the outline of its history has had to be reconstructed from the somewhat dry bones of Part II Orders.

The Battalion came into being about 11 November 1915, being formed by transfers from the Queen's,

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Royal Sussex, East Surrey, Essex and Middlesex Regiments, and from the 7th, 10th, 18th, 20th and 24th Battalions London Regiment.

They were commanded throughout their existence by Lieut.-Colonel C. A. S. Montgomery, a retired Indian Army officer. Unlike some other battalions, they seem never to have yielded to the temptation of the drum. Their buglers came mostly from the 18th London (London Irish), as did their bugle-major, who, alas, reverted to the ranks for inefficiency a year later.

A bare fortnight after they were formed, on 26 November 1915, they sailed for India in the transports "Miltiades" and "Ballarat," with a strength of one thousand all ranks and arrived at Rangoon on 2 January 1916. Here they remained, quartered at the Sale Barracks, for the rest of the War. Their life must indeed have been a dull one, and the very marked absence of crime in Part II Orders is greatly to their credit.

They had a detachment of two companies at Port Blair, in the Andaman Islands, guarding the Convict Settlement. This was reduced to one company in February 1917, and finally relieved by the 1st Garrison Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers; to judge by the admissions to hospital it can hardly have been an enjoyable station.

No adventures occurred, though detachments went on escort duty to Basra (and qualified for the Victory Medal), and were employed on the mine-sweepers' patrol at Bombay.

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The Battalion remained in India till as late as

1 November 1919, when it sailed for home in the "Herefordshire" and, arriving at Devonport a month later, was apparently dispersed at once.

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The 19th Battalion was formed at Halton Park as the Western Foreign Service Battalion, T.F., on 1 November 1915, from drafts of the Supernumerary T.F. Companies of South Lancs, Loyal North Lancs, King's Own, East Lancs, Manchester, Cheshire and West Yorks Regiments, the Royal Scots and the Cameronians.

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The Battalion disembarked at Alexandria without incident on 13 January 1916, and entrained for Ismailia,

where they found guards and duties at "Ferry Post." Here the popularity of the regimental cap badge as a souvenir for the Australians and others is evident through a warning in Battalion Orders that the cap badges were meant to be worn by their owners!

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On 8 February the six Garrison Battalions engaged on entrenchments were formed into the 228th Army Troops Infantry Brigade under Brig.-General Ross, C.B. Work continued, but a weekly rest was allowed on 18 February. Between 3 and 28 February the Battalion put up 10,076 yards of wire and dug 786 yards fire trench, 1,885 yards communication trench, thirty machine-gun emplacements and twenty-five machine-gun dug-outs, with other smaller works.

On 4 March 1917 work stopped. The Battalion concentrated at Gramatna and began training. After eight days' training at Kirkus they moved via Snevce and Aracli to a bivouac at Sokolovo, suffering their first two casualties (two Riflemen wounded) from enemy air bombing at Aracli.

On 26 March they relieved the 1st Battalion K.O.Y.L.I. in the front line trenches. Colonel Curties had, unfortunately, been invalided just before and the Battalion was now commanded by Major Whalley, of the 3rd Battalion King's Regiment, who in his turn was relieved by Lieut.-Colonel H. Smyth, Cheshire Regiment, on 20 April. The latter, amongst other things, took steps to abridge the War Diary, to the regret of the chronicler.

The first relief in the line for a Brigade of Garrison troops was no easy task, and the Commander-in-Chief sent his congratulations to the 228th Infantry Brigade on relieving to time. Many new duties had to be carried out, such as daily patrols to Peros in the No-Man's-Land, bombing and anti-gas training. One day

(4 April) two Bulgarian deserters surrendered to the Battalion with "arms, equipment and belongings"; while on 12 April C Company's post was attacked, apparently without success, by enemy bombers. Scouting and patrol organization continued to improve, though enemy shelling caused some of the patrols to be discontinued.

On 12 June 1917 a withdrawal from the low ground to a healthier and higher line was successfully carried out. The 228th Brigade was now part of 28th Division, and held a line over 3,500 yards long, running south of the Struma about twelve miles east of Lake Doiran. They were still handicapped by having no transport or specialists, and were armed with long single-loading Lee-Enfield rifles, and had only four Vickers and eight Lewis guns in the Battalion.

On 29 June the Battalion was relieved by the 1st Battalion Welch Regiment of the 83rd Infantry Brigade, and made a six days' march to Mirova for training. At Alexia an enemy aeroplane was brought down, and never more than three men fell out on any one day.

At Mirova they received the Ross rifle and were inspected by General Milne, for whose benefit the "Scout Grenadiers" gave a demonstration.

On 23 August they relieved the 6th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment of the 10th Division on the right of their old positions, and spent the next eight months holding various sectors in this area, with periods in brigade reserve at Turbes. The second winter, though far from pleasant, was far easier to endure than the first, for though the rain was no less, duckboards and good roads had lightened the labours of those at the front and at the back alike.

The short Lee-Enfield rifle had arrived on 21 September 1917, and the winter was not without its incidents, notably the Christmas dinner, thanks to the Y.M.C.A., and the New Year's Honours in which the Commanding Officer received his D.S.O., and Major Hennessey, the Second-in-Command, the M.C. The Battalion raised for the War Loan £1,087 10s. from Officers and £649 from others, a total better by £900 than any other unit of the Brigade.

In February a Rifle Meeting and Sports were held in the Struma Valley—apparently in the snow—the former “owing much to the O.C.’s interest in the competitions and to his wide experience, he having been a well-known shot in India in pre-war days.”

The Brigade moved further west in March and relieved the 2nd Bn. Cheshire Regiment at Todorovo, near their original sector. Much work on trenches was required after the winter: the old summer line at Bel Arbre was again occupied and patrols continued, though on 31 May they lost two men missing, apparently the first so lost, “which cast a gloom over the whole Battalion.”

And so on till the end of September. Events in this theatre of war were now beginning to stir, though there had so far been no move east of Lake Doiran, but on 24 September a move forward to the winter line was suddenly ordered. The Brigade was in strange company, with the 8th Greek Division behaving in a very foolhardy manner, so the Diary says, on their left, and parts of the Cretan Division coming up behind. Preparations were made to advance at once, but before a move had begun the news came that on 20 September the Convention had been signed with Bulgaria.

The 228th Infantry Brigade was disbanded on 2 October and the Battalion, six hundred and ninety-nine strong, sent by train via Saragul to Akindzali, where they worked, near their old front line, on the reconstruction of the railway.

By 17 December they had reached the base at Lembek, and were suffering from the influenza epidemic. Demobilization was soon complete, and on 29 January 1919 the details were transferred to the 2nd Garrison Battalion of the King's Regiment.

23RD BATTALION.

The 23rd (North-Western) Battalion was formed at Halton by drafts principally from men of the King's Liverpool, South Lancs and Manchester Regiments, who previous to their transfer were guarding prisoners-of-war at the Knockaloe Camp in the Isle of Man.

It remained throughout under the command of Lieut.-Colonel T. E. Turnbull, V.D., and sailing in s.s. "Euripides" from Devonport on 12 January 1916, proceeded via the Suez Canal to Karachi, where the Battalion disembarked on 10 February.

Their Part I Orders are largely preserved, and from these it appears that their history was an uneventful one, and that Rifle Brigade customs were not unfaithfully observed. The Battalion was employed on Internal Security duties throughout its stay in India; first at Multan, where it was quartered in the Edwardes Barracks, then from 22 July 1918 at Bareilly in Clyde Barracks; one company was at Amritsar, according to the Indian Order of Battle, in May 1916, but there were no other detachments.

The Battalion was demobilized in India; by 12 July the numbers were reduced to fifty; on 25 October

it moved to Sialkot and the cadre was not finally dispersed till 4 February 1920.

24TH BATTALION.

The 24th (Home Counties) Battalion was formed at Halton Camp West on 10 November 1915 by drafts from the Queen's, Norfolk, Suffolk, Bedfordshire, Royal Sussex, East Surrey, Essex, Royal West Kent and Hertfordshire Regiments, and was commanded throughout by Lieut.-Colonel F. W. Burbury, a retired officer of the Royal West Kent Regiment.

It reached Agra on 25 February 1916, and moved on 19 April to Sialkot with detachments, at different periods, at Jullundur, Amritsar, Lahore and Ferozepore for Internal Security duties, and finally dispersed on 29 November 1919.

25TH BATTALION AND DEPÔT.

When the seven Territorial Battalions had reached war establishment, there still remained at Halton Camp a number of men, either surplus or unfit, or who had not undertaken the Imperial Service obligation. These were formed into a "Provisional Company 18th Battalion Rifle Brigade T.F.," and later on the departure of the 18th Battalion overseas were attached, three hundred and thirty-five strong, to the 21st Battalion, and commanded by Lieut.-Colonel A. B. Williams.

On 21 December they became a unit, under the name of Depôt Rifle Brigade T.F., and on the 22 December they moved to Reading, where concurrently with draft-finding they found duties at the Ordnance Depôt at Didcot. There was only one officer beside Colonel Williams, and it is not surprising that the

latter has placed on record the difficulty of coping with these two duties simultaneously, and of carrying out the heavy clerical work involved. In March 1916, two companies were formed and on 26 August of the same year the unit was raised to the establishment of a battalion (one thousand five hundred and four all ranks), constituted a battalion on 4 September, and on 8 September was despatched to Falmouth, where it relieved the 7th Battalion Royal Fusiliers on the coast defences in that area and at Pendennis Castle ; it was quartered till the end of the War at Trevethan Camp.

The duties of the Battalion were henceforth to be confined to coast defence and draft finding ; depôt work being carried out by a newly constituted depôt, of which more hereafter.

The Battalion provided drafts for the other six T.F. Battalions of The Rifle Brigade, and was fed with Category B recruits from the Depôt and with drafts of Category B men from T.F. Reserve Battalions of other regiments, mostly from London ; in December 1916 a draft of five hundred and twenty-nine men was despatched for 19th, 20th and 21st Battalions in s.s. "Ivernia," which was torpedoed in Suvla Bay on 1 January 1917 ; one Acting-Corporal and thirty-five Riflemen were drowned.

Colonel Williams retired on account of age in December 1916, and in February 1917 Lieut.-Colonel G. Rippon took over command and retained it till on 26 March 1919 the Battalion was disbanded and those remaining on the strength transferred to the books of The Rifle Depôt.

Rifle drill was taught and, according to an old member of the Battalion, regimental customs were carefully observed.

As has been mentioned above, the Dépôt was re-constituted on 2 September 1916, as No. 32 (Rifle Brigade) T.F. Dépôt at 9 Tufton Street, Westminster, to fit out recruits and administer men invalided from overseas battalions till they were posted to a unit for duty.

It continued open till 17 July 1920, when it was closed after having been amalgamated with the Dépôt, Royal Defence Corps, since 7 April of that year.

MORE SHOOTING IN THE CENTRAL PROVINCES.

BY CAPTAIN F. O. CAVE, M.C.

I AM writing about another of my shoots in the Central Provinces, with some diffidence, as I feel that so much has been written in recent CHRONICLES about this form of sport. However, to those who are fond of shooting, my record of failures and my astounding good luck will probably be acceptable.

Turner and I had decided to go to the Central Provinces to shoot tigers. We turned our attention to some of the Native States in the east of the Province, which we had discovered by a careful study of the map. We then composed a letter explaining how we had been longing to shoot in "His Highness's State" for many years, and then posted off this letter to two of the States. Unfortunately, they both fetched up at the same State, and so we were not surprised that we were not allowed to shoot there. After this we thought it wiser to try a better-known district and so went to the Melghat, where Graham and I had been the previous year. Having made friends with the Forest Officer, he allotted us the block we wanted, and as I knew the country, we hoped for a heavy bag of tigers.

Jullundur didn't seem to be a very promising place to buy our stores, and to our surprise Lahore wasn't very much better, and so Turner went down to Delhi and arranged matters with a firm down there.

He told them to meet us at the railway station on a certain date, and to hand us over the stores on the platform. And so one morning late in April we were much relieved on reaching Delhi to see our stores waiting there for us. We hurriedly tried to bundle them into our compartment, but we were caught by a keen-eyed inspector and we had to have the whole lot weighed up by a bribe-taking baboo who took his bribe out of our change even before we offered it. All journeys, however, come to an end, and in due course we found ourselves at Betul, our railhead. Thanks to the friends we had made here the previous year, we had no difficulties, and by the next day we had been transported to the edge of the jungle in a regular fleet of light lorries.

Two days' march, on bicycles for Turner and myself, brought us to Butram, where we meant to start our shooting. We tied up our baits as soon as we arrived there and had two kills the very first night. We tossed up as to which of us should have choice as to where to sit up, and then set out for our vigils. About 10 p.m. a panther came on to my kill, so quietly that I never heard him until he was actually eating the remains. Even then I could hardly see him, but on turning on my torch I was able to get a good aim, and shot him dead. About midnight an old bear came shuffling along the track, and, stopping to have a sniff at the dead panther, gave me an opportunity to bag him also. Turner, however, had no luck, and it must have been very aggravating for him to hear me firing away all night and probably frightening everything away from him.

After that we had a very quiet patch and things didn't seem to go right. We didn't explore the

country quite thoroughly enough, and so didn't find one of the best places until too late. We had also sent one bait to be tied up near a neighbouring village, and owing to not visiting it at the proper time and in company with the villagers themselves, we didn't discover that they had not been tying it up at the proper place. Turner went off to try and get a cattle raider at a place called Hatru, and although all the arrangements seemed to be all right, the tiger never returned. We used to try and keep the pot filled by shooting an occasional peacock or jungle cock. After a particularly prolonged spell of emptiness we felt that it would do no harm if we shot one peahen, which were really out of season, if we couldn't get a cock. However, it was an unfortunate day when Turner and I shot two peahens apiece. Let us draw a veil over this episode which even an empty stomach cannot adequately atone for !

We had expected the Forest Officer to come and see us and one day heard that he was on his way, and were much amused to see the villagers for many miles around, sweeping the roads in honour of his arrival. As we didn't seem to be able to locate the tigers around Butram we decided to move to another village called Raipur, about thirteen miles away. There was a very comfortable bungalow here, but unfortunately the villagers were in the middle of an epidemic of 'flu, and we had great difficulty in getting as many coolies as we should have liked. On asking the Forest Ranger, who was a Christian, if they would like any medicine, he merely replied, " Oh, no, they will not take it ; they just trust to their heathen gods."

During our stay in this block we got on to the tracks of at least twelve different tigers but somehow

or other we failed to bring even one of them to book. At one place there were tracks of three tigers, and so we ordered a bait to be tied there every night. One day when we had been busy elsewhere they neglected to tie up this bait, with the result that the tigers came back again that night to find no bait, and then wandered out of the block. At this camp we visited every likely place for miles around, but the tigers were contrary animals and always seemed to avoid our cunningly placed baits. There was a good deal of water for the time of the year, and this no doubt made the tigers more difficult to locate. The Forest Officer told us that he thought there were more tigers in this block than in other blocks of the Melghat, but for some reason which he couldn't explain they seemed to be very hard to bag. We had two kills at this camp, both some way off. Turner went to one of them and I went to the other. Turner's kill was in a difficult place and he was faced with two or three alternative plans, and he thought afterwards that he had selected the wrong one, for he suspects that the tiger heard him. My kill on the other hand was a very easy one and all the arrangements went extremely well, and I could think of no mistake that I had made, but the tiger failed to return and I had a fruitless night in my tree. It is annoying to be unable to say why he did not return, but this animal completely baffled me.

The shikaris in this part of the Central Provinces are worse than useless, and one would do much better to engage a man as a coolie to give one local information, and to do the rest of the business oneself. These men too are Korkus and are well known to be very lazy, but in this case I flatter myself that our keenness and energy made up for any lack of it on their part !!

It was in this block, a few months before our arrival, that some N.C.O.'s of the 60th had been shooting. They had done very well and had got two tigers and two panthers; it is humiliating to have to record that our bag in the same block was only one panther and a bear. However, all the more power to them, and let us hope that it was only the difference in the seasons that we were there, that accounted for the difference in our bags. It might be of interest to add that these jungles have been almost exclusively shot by Green Jackets since the War.

One evening on our return to camp we found the Forest Officer and a friend of his waiting to see us. While we had been searching the jungles far and wide he told us he had seen a panther only three hundred yards away from our camp! We entertained them to dinner, during which the Forest Officer told us he had been highly amused at Fulford and Hall's methods of shooting there, some years previously. Perhaps they will give us an account of it in some future CHRONICLE!

It was then very nearly time for me to leave the block *en route* for Bombay and England. And so it was arranged that I should spend a couple of nights with the Forest Officer on my way home, while Turner went back again to Hatru to have another try for the cattle raider. The headman of the village had been most insistent that he should have another try for it, and yet when Turner arrived the headman merely said, "Why worry; the tiger has not killed any cattle for ten days; we won't do anything more till he does." This was typical of the attitude of the Korkus, and is one of the difficulties one is up against.

I went off to Sembadoh, where the Forest Officer

came to meet me in his car. On our way up to Chikalda, his station, he told me to look out for a peacock for the pot. Once again I transgressed the laws by getting a peacock and a peahen with one shot. The Forest Officer described this as an act of Providence !

Chikalda is a small civil hill station with the jungle coming right up to its borders, and in the summer is very pleasantly cool. Close by is the old fort of Gawilgarh which was stormed by Wellington, then Sir Arthur Wellesley, in 1803. I had arranged to go out and have a look over the old fort, but events occurred which necessitated my studying a much more interesting campaign.

The morning after I had arrived in Chikalda, word came in that the Deputy Commissioner had been sitting up over a tiger kill the previous night, but that as the tiger had not returned by 9 p.m., he had come home. Later in the night the tiger returned and dragged the kill further into the jungle. The Deputy Commissioner didn't want to sit up again, and so the Forest Officer told me that I had better do so. And so in the afternoon I set out with the Forest Officer to assist me in the arrangements. We had a long walk up a very hot and tiring hill, and when we reached the top found that the kill had been dragged into some very thick lantana bushes. After some time we found a suitable tree in which to sit up, and the kill was moved to a place where it could be clearly seen. Shortly before eight o'clock I heard the tiger returning, and before long he passed right underneath my tree. I turned on the torch, and because I had borrowed the Forest Officer's rifle, which I had not previously had the opportunity of testing, I took an extra careful aim. Whether I hit

the tiger or not I shall probably never know, but it seemed impossible that I could miss ; the tiger turned round and bolted in the direction from which he came, before I could put in a second shot. About an hour afterwards I heard groans coming from that direction, and all through the night animals made their alarm notes. All I could do was to curse myself and try to go to sleep until the dawn. This I was able to do moderately well, until about 4.30 a.m., when I suddenly heard a tiger coming on to the kill again. I had scarcely time in which to get into a firing position before it had seized the kill and was trying to drag it. This time, I thought, there must be no mistake about it. As soon as I fired I lost sight of the tiger, but a moment later I picked up a green eye shining up at me. I let him have the second barrel and all was still. I could then see the tiger lying there, obviously dead ; but I was so afraid that it might come to life again that I kept on looking at it until it was daylight.

A large number of villagers then arrived and prepared to carry the tiger down to the road. The jungle was far too thick to attempt to follow up in the direction taken by the first animal in the evening, at any rate with only one weapon ; and so I thought it better to go back first and report to the Forest Officer. Whether it was the same tiger or not I do not know, but the fact that there may have been a second tiger lying dead a few yards away does not bear thinking about. After getting to the road we tied the tiger on to the Government elephant which was waiting for me, and climbing up in front of it, we rode home in state.

The same morning I had to go off by car to the railway, and so to Bombay, leaving the tiger skin in

the care of the Forest Officer to be sent on later. This was really an astounding bit of luck at the last minute. I am sorry to say that after I left him, Turner was unable to get a tiger, but like me he got a panther and a bear in the same night.

A FRESH ROUTE FROM INDIA.

BY CAPTAIN F. O. CAVE, M.C., and LIEUT. K. B. HICKS.

THE recent improvements in communications have made possible a fresh route from India to England which, though slightly longer than the ordinary, is more interesting and makes possible a visit to countries which are normally somewhat inaccessible from England.

This route can be varied considerably, and we chose that which seemed to pass through the most interesting places and at the same time did not involve too much risk of being delayed in waiting for train or boat connections.

The itinerary finally selected was as follows :

By B.I. steamer from Karachi to Basra. By train from Basra to Baghdad. By motor from Baghdad to Damascus, and thence by train to Constantinople via Aleppo, and home by the Orient express via Budapesth and Vienna.

We embarked at Karachi on Sunday, 3 June, armed with passports valid as far as Baghdad, and reached Basra on the Thursday after an uneventful voyage. We left the same evening by the "fast" mail train and arrived in Baghdad at noon the following day. The Iraq Railway compares unfavourably with those in India, but an American traveller was perhaps too severe when he described it as "two semi-parallel streaks of rust held together

by Providence and running through miles of sand to nowhere ! ”

We spent two days in seeing the sights of Baghdad under the able guidance of Cosby, who was stationed there and had met us on arrival, and motored out as far as Ctesiphon. Here stands the imposing façade and enormous Arch (reputed to be the highest in the world) which still bear witness to the former magnificence of Babylonia.

In the meanwhile the hotel-manager had obtained the necessary visés for our passports as far as Constantinople, and we had bargained for a car to take us to Damascus. There are two main motor services across the desert, the Nairn, and a company run by Syrians. The former has British drivers and is better organized, but the latter is very much cheaper (£10 per seat as against £19), and in spite of rather pricking consciences, we chose the cheaper firm.

Rather to our surprise, we found that the ordinary procedure was to drive straight through to Damascus (some 600 miles by the route then open) without a halt for the night. We left Baghdad about 5 a.m. on Monday, 11 June, in company with three other cars, and headed for Ramadi, about seventy miles away.

The cars are very heavily loaded, as they have to carry petrol, oil and water for 600 miles in addition to provisions, baggage, spare tyres and springs. Each car is inspected before leaving by the authorities in Baghdad, and is not allowed to start if the spares are incomplete or if the car is not in first-rate running order. Cars are not allowed to proceed singly, but have to form a convoy.

On leaving Baghdad the road soon disappears, but the track is fairly well defined as far as Ramadi. On



"THE STREET WHICH IS CALLED STRAIGHT,"
DAMASCUS.

reaching here an hour's delay ensued, as one of our convoy had had trouble soon after leaving Baghdad and had lagged behind.

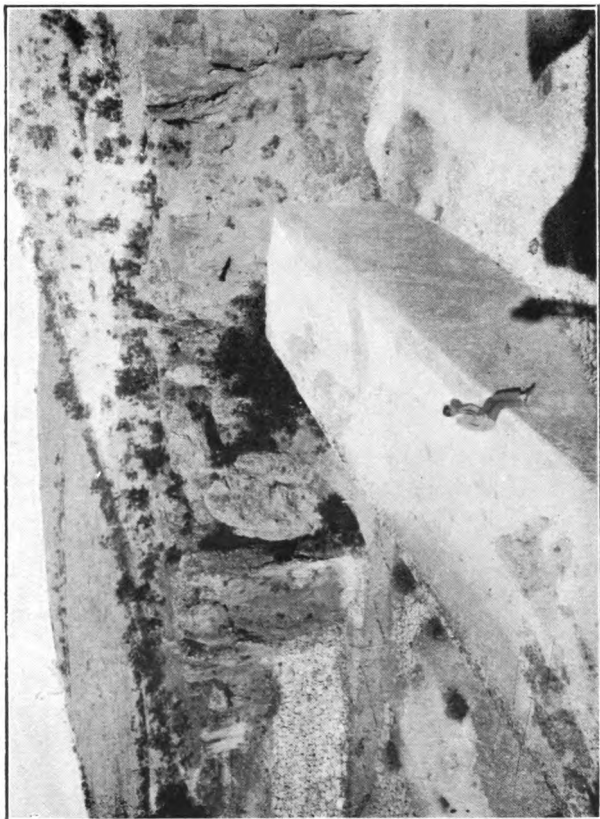
After final customs formalities we were given permission to start and set out on the second stage of about 250 miles to Rutbah. During this stage there is no sign of animal or vegetable life and only occasional patches of boulders break the monotony of the endless vista of sand. The track is in many places difficult to see and the cars move in various formations as the drivers choose, sometimes three or four abreast with an interval of 400 or 500 yards between each car. The only landmark is a solitary signpost set up in a perfectly open expanse of sand, where the cars stopped for a few minutes and some of the occupants of the other cars took the opportunity of saying their prayers,

The surface varies considerably ; for much of the way it is too bumpy to drive at more than 20 to 30 m.p.h., but there are occasional long stretches where speeds of 40 to 60 m.p.h. are possible. We reached Rutbah Wells in the evening just before dark, and were glad of a much-needed wash. Rutbah consists of a single fort built round the well and contains a wireless installation for use by Imperial Airways and also a small refreshment-room. Here we were able to obtain a very passable dinner before starting again on the final stage of 280 miles to Damascus. Soon after midnight, having been dozing for a few minutes, we awoke to find that the car was heading due east. The driver admitted that he had lost sight of the other cars and had lost the way. After cruising about anxiously for some little time, we saw the lights of another car, and it was with considerable relief that we found ourselves

once more back on the track. The driver now began to show signs of fatigue, and we had to wait for an hour to let him sleep, as only a driver accustomed to the desert could find the way in the dark, and our recent experience had shown us that even an experienced man could very easily lose the way. It was therefore not till ten o'clock that morning that we reached Damascus, feeling rather tired and exceedingly dirty after nearly thirty hours in the car. The French customs authorities were very polite, and, on hearing that we were British officers, waived all formalities and passed us straight through in front of everyone else. It made one wonder whether our customs authorities show similar courtesy to French officers at the other end of the desert.

Damascus seemed cool and pleasant after the heat and smells of Baghdad, and the mosques and bazaars are interesting and worth a visit. We left Damascus at midnight on the evening of Wednesday, 13 June, by train, and at 7 a.m. the following morning arrived at Baalbek, where we stayed twenty-four hours to explore the immense ruins which have made the town famous. These are really magnificent (our French guide-book described them as "*les plus belles peut-être qui existent au monde*"), and in spite of wars and earthquakes are still in a fair state of preservation.

The ruins consist of three vast temples built on an artificial mound standing in a small valley on the lowest slopes of Anti-Lebanon. Of these three temples the most imposing are the Temple of Jupiter and the Temple of Bacchus. Of the third, the Christian Temple, only the foundations remain. In the Temples of Jupiter and Bacchus some of the great pillars, each



THE BIG MONOLITH LYING IN THE QUARRY AT BAALBEK.
Weight : 1,500 cwt.
Length : 60 feet.

nearly 90 feet high, still stand, and in the Temple of Bacchus the walls are almost intact and one can see the vast proportions and form an idea of their former towering magnificence. All three temples are planned on such a gigantic scale that until recent times even Europeans believed them to be the work of some Brobdingnagian race of giants. The walls of the mound are built of enormous blocks of solid stone, the three largest of which are 60 feet long and 13 feet square. These are carefully shaped, and even now the joints are so good that it would be impossible to insert the blade of a knife. An even bigger stone lies in a neighbouring quarry, and is reputed to be the largest single piece of carved stone in the world (see illustration facing p. 194).

After a very enjoyable twenty-four hours in Baalbek, we rather reluctantly left by train the following morning for Aleppo, which we reached about 5 p.m. the same evening. In Syria nearly all the natives speak French, and we found that it was very much easier to carry on a conversation there in our indifferent French than it is in France, as the Syrians speak more slowly and with an accent resembling an Englishman's. Aleppo is somewhat disappointing, and we were not sorry that we had to leave for Constantinople the following day. We engaged an interpreter from the hotel, who proved useful in arranging about the reservation of baggage, passport formalities, etc. The railway between Aleppo and Constantinople is now under Turkish control, but the engines and rolling stock are of German origin and mostly bear the date 1914. However, the Constantinople train, which runs three times a week, has one sleeping car and also a buffet which provides quite good meals. We climbed into

bed feeling that we were now really back in civilization, but were soon sharply reminded that we were still in the East by the attentions of numerous little bed-fellows. Cave in particular seemed to be especially palatable, and was badly bitten. On waking the following morning we found that we had crossed the Turkish frontier during the night and were already beginning the long climb up the Taurus Mountains. The gradient is steep and in places the track is hewn out of the side of sheer cliffs with a drop of thousands of feet on the outer side. The whole is a wonderful engineering feat, and in addition must have cost the Germans a staggering sum. After attaining the summit, the next twenty-four hours is spent in traversing the wide Anatolian plateau. There are few villages of any size, and Konia is by far the largest. Here the arrival of the train is evidently a big social event and the platform is thronged with the greater part of the population, who stroll solemnly up and down in their best clothes. Most seem to have a curiously listless and stupid look, but here and there one sees a Turkish officer with traces of German training which has left a smarter and more alert appearance and expression. The following morning the descent towards the coast is begun. The scenery suddenly changes from Asiatic to European, and the train runs through a really beautiful and fertile country which has all the grandeur of the Taurus but with flowers and fruit trees in place of boulders and sparse shrubs. Children come down to the train at every halt with baskets of fruit. We bought one large basket of cherries for a piastre ($2\frac{1}{2}d.$), which, judging by the grins, must have been at least double the proper price! During the afternoon the train runs along the edge of the Sea of Marmora, and

one can just catch a glimpse of the notorious *Goeben* as she lies in a floating dock.

Constantinople (Scutari) was reached about 5 p.m. that evening, and we were met by an English-speaking interpreter who shepherded us into a motor-launch to cross the Bosphorus. The Turkish porters demanded a ridiculously exorbitant tip and a furious row ensued between them and our interpreter. The former seemed to have the larger vocabulary, but the latter the more eloquent gestures, and these, coupled with our firm refusal to pay anything more, eventually won the day.

Mustapha Kemal has made strenuous efforts to westernize Constantinople, and fezzes and veils have entirely vanished and given place to European clothes. In addition to the well-known sights such as St. Sophia and the Blue Mosque, the Sultan's Palace is now open to the public. Here, in addition to the many rooms of the palace, one can go all over the seraglio and also see the Sultan's Treasure, a superb collection of jewels of inestimable value, the accumulated hoard of many generations of Sultans.

Since the dispersal of the Allied Army of Occupation many of the theatres and restaurants have closed down, but the Café Turquoise, an admirable restaurant run by Russian refugees, still does a thriving trade. The cuisine is equal to any in London or Paris, and there is an excellent cabaret show in addition.

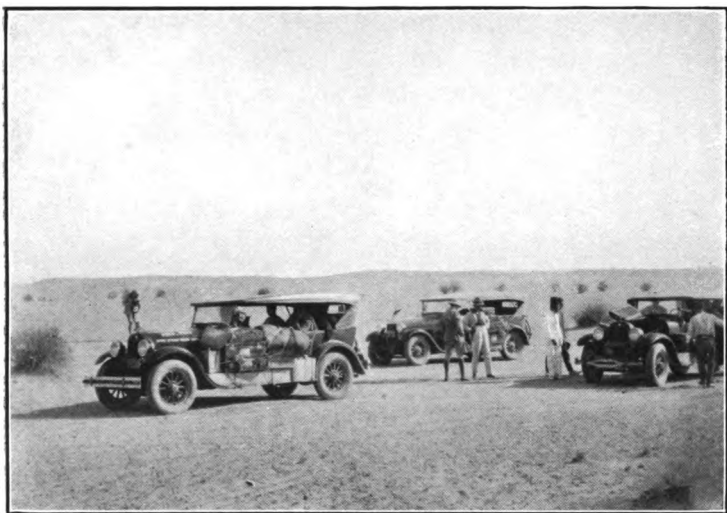
After spending three days in Constantinople we left for Buda-Pesth by the Orient Express on Thursday, 21 June. Balkan scenery in the summer is charming, and during the forty hours between Constantinople and Buda-Pesth the train passes through a smiling country of hills and flowers before reaching the broad Hungarian plain. We reached Buda-Pesth early in

the morning of Saturday, 23 June, and after breakfast set out to see the Royal Palace and the Houses of Parliament, etc. These are of great interest, and are adequately described in most guide-books.

Buda-Pesth is in two distinct halves. Buda has an ideal position on the heights overlooking the Danube and a magnificent bridge spans the river and affords connection with Pesth on the eastern bank. In the summer the open-air swimming bath is one of the social centres of the town. The bath is beautifully situated and is surrounded by marble terraces where one can lie and sun-bathe or drink an *apéritif* after swimming. The place is extremely well run and is patronized by all the fashionable youth and beauty of Buda-Pesth. There is an ingenious electrical device which, when turned on, causes artificial waves which seem to rise from the bottom of the pool before rolling the whole length of the bath and breaking at the shallow end in a cloud of spray.

Rather regretfully, as time was flying, we decided to leave for Vienna on Monday, the 25th. After the beauty and cleanliness of Buda-Pesth, Vienna seemed rather drab and smoky, but as we had decided to stay only two days, we were only able to see a very small part of the city.

On Wednesday, 27 June, we left Vienna, and after a brief halt of twenty-four hours in Paris reached London on the evening of Friday, 29 June. On arrival at Victoria there was the usual confused mass of shouting porters and train-meeting relatives all endeavouring to collect luggage and escape through a single exit several sizes too small, and we both agreed that this stage was by far the most difficult and harassing of the whole trip!



THE CONVOY IN THE DESERT.



THE PILLARS OF THE TEMPLE OF JUPITER AT BAALBEK.

Throughout the journey we had no trouble whatever with passports or customs. The language question was sometimes a little difficult, and in Constantinople, Buda-Pesth and Vienna we engaged an interpreter from the hotel who also acted as guide. We came to the conclusion that a traveller needs only three phrases : "Drive more slowly" (to taxi-drivers), "Bring another bottle," and thirdly, and most important of all, "My friend will pay!"

The trip is certainly more expensive than the ordinary P. & O. route via Marseilles. The actual cost of the steamer, rail and motor tickets (including sleeping berths where necessary) is approximately £74, and the hotel bills, tips and other incidentals bring the total cost up to about £130. But in any case the voyage from India to England is expensive, and for the additional expenditure, the traveller by the overland route gains a very pleasant and interesting month of travel which would cost him double the sum if undertaken from England.

There are many other places of interest *en route* at which we did not have time to stop, and anyone contemplating going to India by this route would be well advised to allow at least a full month.

It is interesting to compare this account with one published in the *Chronicle* for 1893, entitled "Home Overland," by the Honble. E. Noel.

THE HIGHLAND COMPANY.

THE History of the Highland Company which existed in the 1st Battalion of the Regiment during its early days has always proved a source of worry to historians of the Regiment. That it existed there is no doubt, and that the title Highland Company was used is proved by the use of the title from time to time. Kincaid writes that during the siege of Ciudad Rodrigo he was ordered to "take command of the Highland Company," while Surtees mentions it in his chapter dealing with the siege of Badajoz.

The Regiment from its earliest days had received a large number of Highlanders and in the list of Fencible Corps to supply recruits for the corps in August 1800, out of 27 units, 17 were Scotch, while of the original officers to be gazetted to the Regiment in the "Gazettes" dated 11 October 1800, 14 were from Scotch Regiments out of the 26 gazetted.

Rifleman Harris, in his book of recollections, records how the recruiting party which enlisted him in Ireland were joined by a sergeant of the 92nd Highlanders and a Highland piper of the same Regiment; "also a pair of real rollicking blades."

The Regiment is indebted to Mrs. Cameron-Head for most of the information which it has been possible to trace about this Company and which for some time was commanded by Captain Alexander D. Cameron. Cameron was one of the officers gazetted to the Regiment in the "Gazette," 11 October 1800, as an Ensign

from the 92nd Highlanders, which regiment he had joined in October the previous year. He was promoted Captain 6 May 1805, Bt.-Major 30 May 1811, Bt.-Lieut.-Colonel 27 April 1812, Major 17 May 1812, exchanged to half-pay of 1st Greek Light Infantry 6 March 1817, appointed Deputy Governor of St. Mawes 23 October 1828, Colonel 22 July 1830, Major-General 28 June 1838, Colonel 74th Regiment 24 April 1846, and died at Inverailort House Inverness-shire 20 July 1850.

Costello, in describing a punishment parade in Chapter XVII of his book, "Adventures of a Soldier," says of Cameron :—

"After the proceedings of the court-martial were read by the adjutant in a wood near the village where the Regiment was formed for punishment, Major Cameron, who commanded us at the time, devised the following plan to find out the true character of the prisoner, for the Major was not only a brave and gallant soldier, but a shrewd man, and knew well that the men were better judges of the good or bad qualities of each other than the officers could possibly be.

"He addressed the prisoner as follows: 'Stratton, I ought to have had you tried by a general court-martial; in that case you would have been shot; but the high character the Regiment has borne in the Army prevents me from having it mentioned in general orders that a man of the Rifles could have been guilty of the heinous crime of desertion to the enemy. I am yet willing to show you kindness. Now, sir, if the men of the Battalion will be answerable for your future good conduct, I shall pardon you.' Turning round at the same time, Major Cameron looked the men in the face while he stood in the square, as if waiting for an answer.

"A pause took place, no answer being given. The

Major said, 'Strip, sir.' He was tied to a tree and received twenty-five lashes; the second bugler was preparing to commence, when the Major again said, 'Will you not be answerable, men, for Stratton's conduct? Well, then, if his own Company will be answerable for his good behaviour, I shall forgive him.' The prisoner at these words looked round with an imploring eye, as far as his position would allow him, looking towards his own Company, saying, 'Do, men, speak for me. I will not act so in future.' I recollect it well, each man leaning on the muzzle of his rifle, with his left hand, while his right covered his face, and all silent; not a man spoke. 'Go on,' said the Major. The culprit received twenty-five lashes more, when the Major again said, 'Now, sir, if only one man in the Regiment will speak on your behalf, I shall take you down.' Still silent, while the third bugler commenced. When the prisoner had received about sixteen lashes, a voice from the square called out, 'Forgive him, sir.' 'Stop, bugler, stop!' said the Major; 'who was the man that spoke?' 'I did, sir!' was the answer. 'Step into the square,' when a man of the prisoner's own Company came forward. 'Oh! is it you, Rolinson?' said Major Cameron; 'I thought as much; as little good for nothing a fellow as himself; but take him down.' "

He served in the attack on Ferrol and in Egypt, and with the 1st Battalion in the Corunna Campaign and again with the same battalion during the subsequent Peninsular and Waterloo Campaigns. He also served in the North Holland Expedition of 1814 when he commanded the detachment from all three battalions of the Regiment. He received a medal for Egypt and a gold medal for Ciudad Rodrigo with

clasps for Badajoz and Salamanca and the silver Military General Service Medal with clasps for Vimiera, Corunna, Busaco, Fuentes d'Onor and Vittoria. He was also awarded the K.C.B. and St. Anne 2nd Class of Russia. He was wounded in 1813 at Vittoria and again at Waterloo, both times severely.

The following letters and documents from Mrs. Cameron-Head, give much interesting information about the old Highland Company and its Company Commander.

HORSE GUARDS,
21 *September* 1813.

SIR,

His Royal Highness The Prince Regent having been graciously pleased to command in the Name and on the Behalf of His Majesty, that you should be permitted to bear a medal in commemoration of the Siege and Capture of Ciudad Rodrigo and clasps for the Siege and Capture of Badajoz and for the Battle of Salamanca, I have the satisfaction to transmit to you the Medal and two clasps, which by order of His Royal Highness have been prepared for the occasion.

I am,
Sir,
Yours,

FREDERICK,
Commander-in-Chief,

Lieut.-Colonel ALEXANDER CAMERON,
95th Regiment,

this. We are in reserve and have as usual abundance of *shaves* and know nothing, but some part of the Prussians have certainly crossed the Seine at St. Germain and there has been some cannonading in that direction last night and in this morning. The Prussians had visited this neighbourhood a day or two before us and have dissected the houses in better style if possible than any that passed through the hands of the French in Portugal, and I have not the least doubt but Paris will share the same fate should they venture to fight so near to it, and which they appear determined to do. Sir Andrew Barnard is with us and has been able to accompany the Battn for some days mounted. The *two boys* are well, but they have been obliged to live in the same house generally these last few days which is rather too near each other. You must have been highly amused to find your Prophecy verified respecting Jack's shouldering the Canteens.

You will like the rest of us be much disappointed with Lord Wellington's dispatch of the battle of the 18th, it is the worst he ever wrote and in my opinion ought to have been the contrary. I was very sorry to hear that you had lost your baggage animal. I have been equally unfortunate having lost every article of my Baggage and Boots, and I'm afraid there will be no allowance granted for them, as three fourths of the officers of the Army are in the same way. My poor Mare was also killed after having received four different wounds on the 18th.

I am very happy to hear such favourable accounts of Beckwith and Simmons who were the only two we were much afraid for, and sincerely hope I shall soon again see them here and well. Have the goodness

to remember me to them as well as to all the others, for whose recovery we are all most anxious.

I shall write you every opportunity and remain
my dear Colonel

Yours most truly

J. KINCAID.

P.S.—Since writing the above I have just learnt that hostilities have ceased and Lord Wellington obtained the terms he demanded. If I have the particulars before the post goes I shall add them.

The Roll, which is written on one sheet of paper in two columns, is as follows:—

ACQUITTANCE ROLL FROM 18 JULY TO THE 24TH OF SEPTEMBER 1808
INCLUSIVE. CAPT. H. CAMERON'S COMPANY.

Names.	Debts.			Credits.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>Sergeants :</i>						
Thos. Gordon	—			0	16	10½
Dond. McDonald	—			1	4	2½
John McDonald	—			2	17	10½
Hugh McKay	—			3	12	0½
Isaac McLeod	—			4	6	4½
<i>Corporals :</i>						
John Cameron	—			2	5	7
Peter Grant	—			2	0	0½
Dond. McDonald	—			2	10	3
Willm. McKay	—			3	3	2
Chas. Ross	—			2	0	1½
<i>Buglers :</i>						
Willm. Clark.. .. .	—			1	4	8
<i>Privates :</i>						
James Allan	—			0	19	4½
James Anderson	—			0	19	10½
Archd. Bell	—			1	8	9
John Bell	—			1	4	0½
John Bridges	0	1	10½	—		
David Brown	—			0	18	5
John Brown	—			0	16	3
Robt. Brown	—			0	13	8
James Bryce	—			0	9	6
Dond. Campbell	—			1	1	8
Dunn. Campbell	—			1	0	0½
Willm. Campbell	—			1	5	11
James Carruthers	—			0	11	5½

Names.	Debts.		Credits.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Richd. Chalmers	—	—	1	5 1½
Neilson Clark	—	—	1	1 5
John Cockburn	—	—	1	0 8½
*Ranald Cumming	—	—	0	11 10
Willm. Cunningham	—	—	1	5 3
George Currie	—	—	0	12 0½
Thos. Cuthbert	—	—	1	5 3
John Dellahunt	—	—	1	1 7
Michl. Dowlan	0	14 0	—	—
Alexd. Drummond	—	—	1	5 8½
George Dunlop	—	—	1	5 7
James Dunn	—	—	1	5 2¼
Dunn. Farquhar	—	—	1	3 2
John Forbes	—	—	1	7 5½
James Fraser	—	—	1	8 5½
James Fuller	—	—	0	5 9
David Galt	—	—	0	14 8½
James Gilchrist	—	—	0	15 5¾
Robt. Gilchrist	—	—	0	18 0¼
Willm. Gillies	—	—	0	13 0¼
Patk. Good	—	—	1	3 0
John Gunn	—	—	1	8 8½
David Harsell	—	—	1	6 9½
Saml. Heron	—	—	0	18 4¾
David Howie	—	—	1	6 0
Andw. Inglis	—	—	0	16 6¾
Willm. Ironside	—	—	1	4 10
Henry Jacons	1	19 11½	—	—
George Kay	—	—	1	3 0
Danl. Lamond	—	—	0	6 10¾
Nathl. Lepear	—	—	1	2 7½
James Lowrie	—	—	0	10 5½
Alexr. Macrae	—	—	1	5 10¼
John Macra	—	—	1	0 2
Duncan Macdonald	—	—	1	11 3
James McDonald 1st	—	—	2	0 3½
James McDonald 2nd	—	—	1	5 8
James McDonald 3rd	—	—	1	8 3½
John McDonald	—	—	0	14 5½
Dougl. McDougald	—	—	0	19 1
Alexr. McFarlane	—	—	0	17 1
John McGillivray	—	—	1	2 11½
Donald McGregor	—	—	0	18 0½
Malcolm McInnes	—	—	1	12 2½
Donald McIntosh	—	—	1	0 7½
Donald McKenzie	—	—	1	6 2
Duncan McKenzie	—	—	1	0 7
Kenneth McKenzie	—	—	0	10 1½
Robert McKenzie	—	—	0	2 6

* This man was most probably one of the seven brothers Cumming mentioned by Costello in his book, "Adventures of a Soldier," Chapter XXIX.

Names.	Debts.			Credits.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Rodr. McKenzie	—			0	14	11
Hugh McLeod	—			0	11	6
Alexr. McQueen	—			0	11	4
John Morrison	—			1	10	3½
Thomas Munro	—			1	8	8½
George Murdock	—			1	13	3½
Alexr. Murray	—			1	1	10½
James Nesmith	—			1	4	6½
George O'Brien	—			0	12	2½
John Palmer	—			0	1	5½
Hector Paterson	—			1	7	4
James Paterson	—			1	4	10
James Pettegrew	—			1	3	4½
John Ramsay	—			1	10	1½
William Rind	—			0	4	7½
James Roleston	—			0	10	4
Adam Ross	—			4	8	9½
James Russell	—			1	0	4½
John Saunders	—			1	0	6½
Thomas Sharply	—			0	19	4
John Shortes	—			1	1	5½
James Small 1st	—			1	6	5½
James Small 2nd	1	8	11	—		
John Smith	—			1	19	3½
James Stewart	0	15	0	—		
Thomas Stirling	—			0	15	11½
Dond. Sutherland	—			0	16	11
George Sutherland	—			0	17	7
John Symington	—			1	3	7½
John Taylor	—			1	5	2
George White	—			0	6	3
Willm. Whitehead	—			0	8	5
David Wishart	0	14	3½	—		
Francis Young	—			1	8	4½
Thomas Young	—			1	11	2½
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				122	16	1½
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The following of the above roll received the Military General Service Medal with clasps as follows, when it was issued in ? :—

Sergt. James McDonald, with clasps Corunna, Fuentes d'Onor, Vittoria, Nivelles, Nive, Orthes, Toulouse.
Sergt. John McDonald, with clasps Corunna, Fuentes d'Onor, Vittoria, Nivelles, Nive, Orthes, Toulouse.

Corpl. William McKay, with clasps Ciudad Rodrigo, Badajoz, Salamanca, Vittoria, Toulouse.

Corpl. Charles Ross (who became Sergeant), with clasps Vimiera, Corunna, Busaco, Fuentes d'Onor, Ciudad Rodrigo, Badajoz, Salamanca.

James Anderson (became Sergeant) with clasps Vimiera, Corunna, Fuentes d'Onor, Ciudad Rodrigo, Badajoz, Salamanca, Vittoria, Pyrenees.

Archibald Bell, with clasp Corunna.

John Bell, with clasps Vimiera, Corunna, Busaco, Fuentes d'Onor, Badajoz, Salamanca, Vittoria, Pyrenees, Orthes, Toulouse.

James Bryce, with clasps Vimiera, Corunna, Fuentes d'Onor, Ciudad Rodrigo, Badajoz, Salamanca, Vittoria, Pyrenees, Nivelles.

Donald Campbell, with clasps Vittoria, Toulouse.

George Dunlop, with clasps Vittoria, Corunna, Busaco.

James Fraser, with clasps Vimiera, Corunna, Badajoz, Vittoria, Pyrenees, Orthes, Toulouse.

Robert Gilchrist, with clasps Vimiera, Corunna, Busaco, Fuentes d'Onor, Ciudad Rodrigo, Badajoz, Salamanca, Vittoria, Toulouse.

Alexander Macrae, with clasps Vimiera, Corunna, Busaco, Fuentes d'Onor, Ciudad Rodrigo, Badajoz, Salamanca, Vittoria.

Hugh McLeod, with clasps Corunna, Ciudad Rodrigo, Badajoz, Salamanca, Vittoria, Toulouse.

John Palmer, with clasps Vimiera, Corunna, Busaco, Fuentes d'Onor, Ciudad Rodrigo, Badajoz, Salamanca, Vittoria, Nivelles, Nive, Orthes, Toulouse.

William Rind, with clasps Roliça, Vimiera, Corunna.

James Russell, with clasps Vimiera, Corunna, Busaco, Fuentes d'Onor.

Thomas Sharply, with clasps Barrosa, Ciudad Rodrigo,

Badajoz, Salamanca, Vittoria, Pyrenees, St. Sebastian, Orthes.

John Smith, with clasps Roliça, Vimiera.

George Sutherland, with clasps Vimiera, Corunna, Talavera, Busaco, Barrosa, Ciudad Rodrigo, Badajoz, Salamanca, Vittoria.

John Symington, with clasps Vimiera, Talavera, Busaco, Fuentes d'Onor, Badajoz, Salamanca, Vittoria, Pyrenees, Nive, Nivelle, Orthes.

John Taylor, with clasps Pyrenees, Toulouse.

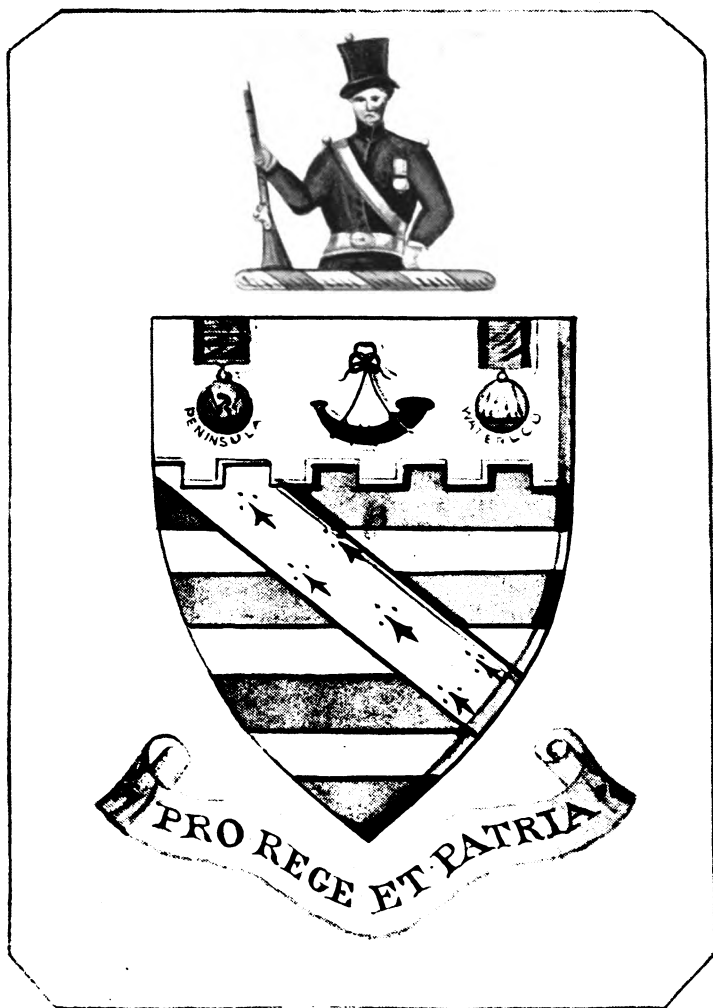
William Whitehead, with clasps Busaco, Fuentes d'Onor, Ciudad Rodrigo, Badajoz, Salamanca, Vittoria, St. Sebastian.

Sergeant McKay received a medal for gallantry at Monte Video.

The Acquittance Roll of the Company for the period 18 July to 24 September 1808 is in possession of Mrs. Cameron-Head, who has kindly allowed it to be photographed. It was hoped to have been able to reproduce the photograph, but the ink was too faded to make this possible.

In a letter to Colonel Verner dated 27 June, 1919, Mrs. Cameron-Head writes:—

“In your last letter to me, dated 26th December 1914, you said that you could not get to the bottom of the Highland Company. There is no doubt that my Grandfather took a big batch of men from the Fort William district in 1801, and that they marched all the way to Horsham, where they joined the old 95th. There is also no doubt that these men had bagpipes. I remember three very old sets of bagpipes at Inverailort, which were kept in a horsehair ottoman there when I was quite a small child, and I was always told that these had belonged to my Grandfather's



COAT-OF-ARMS OF MAJOR-GENERAL SIR ALEXANDER CAMERON, K.C.B.

Highland Company. Whether they were returned to him when the Regiment gave up using pipes or how they came to be there I do not know ; most unfortunately, after my Father's death in 1874, when I was quite a child, these pipes disappeared, and I can now find no trace of them. I do not know whether you are aware that my Grandfather had a special addition to his coat of arms assigned to him in perpetuity for his descendants, such addition being the bugle of the Rifle Brigade with Peninsula and Waterloo medals on either side of it, which I am permitted to use in my quarterings. This was to show that he helped to raise the Regiment and commanded it in the Peninsula and at Waterloo, and that he also adopted a demi rifleman fully accoutred, as his crest, instead of his Cameron crest."

ALLIED REGIMENTS.

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.



WINNIPEG, CANADA,

31 December 1928.

DEAR EDITOR,—

The past year has been rather uneventful for us : winter was spent conducting Royal and Provisional Schools and summer in camp carrying out our own training as well as conducting Camp Schools. These Royal, Provisional and Camp Schools are conducted for the Non-Permanent Active Militia, who correspond to the Territorials in England.

Head-quarters and "A" Company marched to Camp Hughes, Manitoba, from Winnipeg, a distance of some one hundred and twenty miles. We left Winnipeg on 22 May, arriving at our destination on 29 May, thus averaging fifteen miles per day. As May in this part of the world is generally uncertain as regards weather conditions, serge clothing was worn. This turned out to be rather unfortunate as the weather was frightfully hot, 23 May being 97° in the shade.

Luckily the bivouac that night was on the banks of the Assiniboine River and five minutes after arrival everybody was in the water. We arrived at Camp Hughes in good order, though no one appeared particularly sorry to see camp.

The Annual Musketry Courses were fired at Camp Hughes and the averages made were satisfactory, though not up to the previous year. Inter-Platoon training was carried out and tactical demonstrations put on for the Non-Permanent Militia units in camp.

Camp Hughes is a first-class training area, sandy and rolling, but facilities for recreation are practically non-existent.

We left Camp Hughes on 30 July for Camp Sarcee, Alberta, this time by rail, the distance being eight hundred and thirty-two miles. Sarcee was a welcome change after two months in the sand. It is situated about six miles from Calgary, Alberta. The elevation is four thousand feet, being close to the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. The Rockies are quite visible on a clear day. We were joined here by "B" Company, from Esquimalt, British Columbia, and regimental training was carried out followed by combined training with the cavalry. We remained at Sarcee until 15 September, when we entrained for our respective head-quarters after nearly four months under canvas.

The Regimental Sports were held at Sarcee Camp and "A" Company was successful in retaining the Shield. Competition was very keen and an excellent day's sport was the result.

The Annual Celebration on the occasion of the birthday of our Colonel-in-Chief, 17 March, came off in the time-honoured manner. Festivities started with

a dance on the evening of the 16th. About four hundred guests were present.

The "Broom-a-loo" game was reminiscent of Water Polo, as the rink was inches deep in water. No bad effects ensued, however, as shortly after the tournament the dampness internally more than compensated for that outside. The Garrison Boxing finals were held on 24 April. The Regiment was successful in winning the Light-weight, Light heavy-weight and Heavy-weight classes.

A detachment of fifty other ranks, under Captain J. H. Carvosso, M.C., took part in the Winnipeg Assault-at-Arms on 11 and 12 April. They gave a demonstration of drill, which, from the applause, was a very popular event of the programme.

Captain Carvosso left for England in August for a two-year attachment with The Rifle Brigade. Enthusiastic reports have been received from him anent his treatment and activities there. Our only regret is that we have not the opportunity of reciprocating. These attachments should have a splendid effect in promoting liaison between the two regiments.

On 21 December, Captain Keller arrived in Winnipeg from Kingston, Ontario, for his wedding on the 27th. That same night he was tendered a dinner in the Mess. Early next morning a disastrous fire occurred in the Sergeants' Mess, some three hundred yards away. It is not known whether there was any connection between the two conflagrations.

The wedding came off in the time-honoured manner on the 27th, "A" Company forming a Guard-of-Honour at the Church.

The Regimental Band has been successful in securing the contract for the Western Fairs for 1929. This

is quite a feather in their caps as they follow such famous Bands as the Coldstream Guards, Scots Guards and Royal Air Force.

With best wishes to all ranks of The Rifle Brigade and repeating our assurances of a hearty welcome to any of you who might happen this way.

Yours ever,

P.P.C.L.I.



**The Winnipeg Rifles.
(8th Battn. C.E.F.)**

**HEADQUARTERS,
198 MAIN STREET,
WINNIPEG, CANADA.
31 December, 1928.**

DEAR EDITOR,—

Since our last letter to you we have had a change in our Commanding Officers. In September 1927 Lieut.-Colonel C. C. Wansbrough, D.S.O., V.D., completed his term and Major G. F. Dudley, M.C., M.M., the Second-in-Command, was promoted Lieut.-Colonel and given command of the Regiment.

Coincident with Colonel Dudley's taking over, the military spirit of the Canadian West seemed to take hold of a new lease of life, after the stagnation that had been experienced since the war; this was very apparent to us by the number and calibre of recruits signed on and also the number of applications for

commissions received from younger men, without war service, and which dissolved one of the great difficulties we had experienced in the previous years.

The result of this spirit has been added keenness of all ranks, better attendance at parades, lectures, etc., and quite a fillip to our various activities.

1928 saw the Regiment very active in their own particular sphere—Rifle Shooting—and as usual a majority of the competitive cups came our way and we are still able to show an array of over fifty trophies secured by the “Little Black Devils,” a record we are proud of, seeing that we are only forty years old.

In view of the number of young shots we are now developing, we hope shortly to have a representative win his way to the Bisley team.

Our Musketry Camp this year was very well attended and some fine scores were made. Fully eighty per cent. of the Regiment were out at Camp, and such a good time was had by all ranks that next year we are hoping to hold the Camp for twice the length of time.

It is of interest to note that this year saw the revival of the Eaton Cup Marching and Firing Competition, in which we entered a team from each company and “D” Company came out third in the entire District.

October saw the Regiment paying honour to Major-General L. J. Lipsett, C.M.G., who was the first Commanding Officer of the Regiment, and who took the Battalion over to France as a unit in 1914, under the designation of the 8th Battalion C.E.F. This ceremony took the form of unveiling a Memorial Window in the Garrison Church; the Regiment turned out in full strength and also supplied the escorts and sounded

the "Last Post." It was most impressive and the Church was packed; General Lipsett being a most highly respected Winnipeg citizen.

Our other activities of bowling, cricket, baseball, etc., were well supported and with the influx of new recruits we are now facing the year 1929 with a most optimistic spirit, fully expecting it to be one of great progress in all lines of military activity, also one of interesting social functions.

With best wishes to all ranks of our affiliated Regiment.

Yours ever,

1ST BN. THE WINNIPEG RIFLES,
(Little Black Devils),
(8th Battalion C.E.F.).



1st British Columbia Regiment.
"The Duke of Connaught's Own."

DRILL HALL,
BEATTY STREET,
VANCOUVER, B.C.
18 February 1929.

DEAR EDITOR,—

During the past year the 1st British Columbia Regiment, "The Duke of Connaught's Own," carried out the regular training of Militia units, including, for the first time since the War, a period of four days at

summer camp at Macaulay Plains, Victoria, British Columbia.

Lieut.-Colonel H. F. G. Letson, M.C., assumed command of the Regiment on 9 October 1927, succeeding Lieut.-Colonel W. W. Foster, D.S.O., A.D.C. (F.R.G.S.), transferred to the Reserve of Officers, and who had commanded the Regiment for a period of five years. Lieut.-Colonel G. H. Whyte, M.C., the eldest son of the second commanding officer of this Regiment, succeeded as second-in-command.

During the year the Regiment was twice inspected by Major-General A. G. L. McNaughton, C.M.G., D.S.O., at that time District Officer Commanding M.D. No. 11, Victoria, British Columbia.

In August, the Officer Commanding had the pleasure and privilege of being attached to the 2nd Bn. The Rifle Brigade, at Colchester, for five days. Besides reaping the benefit of first-hand observation of training methods he was enabled to form friendships with members of the Regiment.

The affiliation between ourselves and The Rifle Brigade is one of our most cherished possessions, and it is with great pleasure that we record the kind reception accorded to one of our officers. It is our sincere hope that members of The Rifle Brigade will acquaint us of the fact should they be passing through Vancouver in order that we may, in turn, have the pleasure of meeting them.

With best wishes to The Rifle Brigade from the 1st British Columbia Regiment, "The Duke of Connaught's Own."

Yours ever,

1ST BRITISH COLUMBIA REGT.,
"THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT'S OWN."

The Melbourne University Rifles.

MELBOURNE,
VICTORIA,
AUSTRALIA.

November 1928.

DEAR EDITOR,—

The past year has not been without incident for the Regiment, the most important of which was the Presentation of Colours by His Excellency the State Governor, the Rt. Hon. the Lord Somers, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C., on 21 March at the University. The Colours were the gift of T. Baker, Esq. The afternoon was perfect and a large assembly of friends gathered to view the ceremony. The King's and Regimental Colours were received by Lieutenants H. D. Phipps and N. E. Burbank respectively. After the ceremony was completed the guests were entertained at afternoon tea. It is unfortunate that at the present time we have no Battle-Honours on our Colours, but as the Regiment was disbanded on the declaration of the Great War this is unavoidable, although a very large percentage of the members fought with the Australian Imperial Forces in various units.

After much keenness and rivalry The Rifle Brigade Alliance Shield was secured by "B" Company by a very narrow margin of points, and they will thus hold it for the ensuing year.

The Regiment again went under canvas at Seymour in March, during which time excellent weather was experienced with the exception of one morning. His Excellency the Governor-General, Lord Stonehaven, visited the Camp, and after inspecting the troops and watching the training in the field, congratulated all

ranks on the enthusiasm shown and on the standard of efficiency attained.

This year the Regiment was attached to the 6th Brigade for Camp owing to the fact that our own Brigade, the 2nd Brigade, was in Camp at a time which clashed with University activities. The training was again mainly collective, reaching a more advanced stage than last year. As in previous years, H.Q. Wing devoted most of the time to specialist training, and the remainder to manœuvres in which they co-operated with the Battalion. A night outpost scheme was successfully carried out by the Brigade.

Competitions were held in Camp this year with the other regiments, and we were successful in the majority of events, thus becoming the Champion Battalion. The following events were won by the Battalion :—

<i>First Aid</i>	..	..	Stretcher Bearers, H.Q. Wing.
<i>Lewis Gun</i>	..	..	A Company.
<i>Ceremonial Drill</i>	..	..	A Company.
<i>Infantry Drill</i>	..	..	B Company.
<i>Signalling</i>	..	..	No. 1 Group, H.Q. Wing.

The health of the troops was again excellent, there being no serious sickness to report.

This year the Regiment was chosen to provide two Guards-of-Honour: one for the State Governor's Levée, and the other for the opening of State Parliament.

At the 3rd Military District Championships held this year, the Regiment was again successful as Champion Battalion. The Championships include military and athletic events and we were successful in winning the General Grimwade Cup for the Grand Aggregate as well as the Argus and Australasian Cups for the Athletic Events.



MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY RIFLE CORPS.
Presentation of Colours.

The Regiment has again participated in monthly rifle matches and considerable enthusiasm is being shown by the troops. Last year we finished third in the Grand Aggregate. We were successful in winning the Smith Trophy from the 57th Battalion, who held it the previous year. During this present year every member of the Battalion is a member of the rifle club, and this additional interest should show in the results. The standard of the shooting is undoubtedly improving through the Citizen Forces taking part in these monthly meetings.

Last year our musketry return was exceedingly good, over 97 per cent. of all ranks having qualified in the prescribed courses. This year the courses have been changed, but present indications point to a year just as successful as last year.

During the year we have entertained members of Army Headquarters and Divisional and Brigade Staffs in addition to officers on furlough from abroad, but so far have not had the pleasure of entertaining any members of The Rifle Brigade to our Mess. We have, however, had the pleasure of meeting a Sergeant from India, who presented a photograph from his Mess to our Sergeants' Mess, and have also met Rifleman Newport.

Fortunately last year we were not called on to do a great deal of bush-fire fighting, but we are again preparing now that the warmer weather is approaching.

With very best wishes to all ranks in The Rifle Brigade.

Yours ever,

MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY RIFLES.

The Durban Light Infantry.

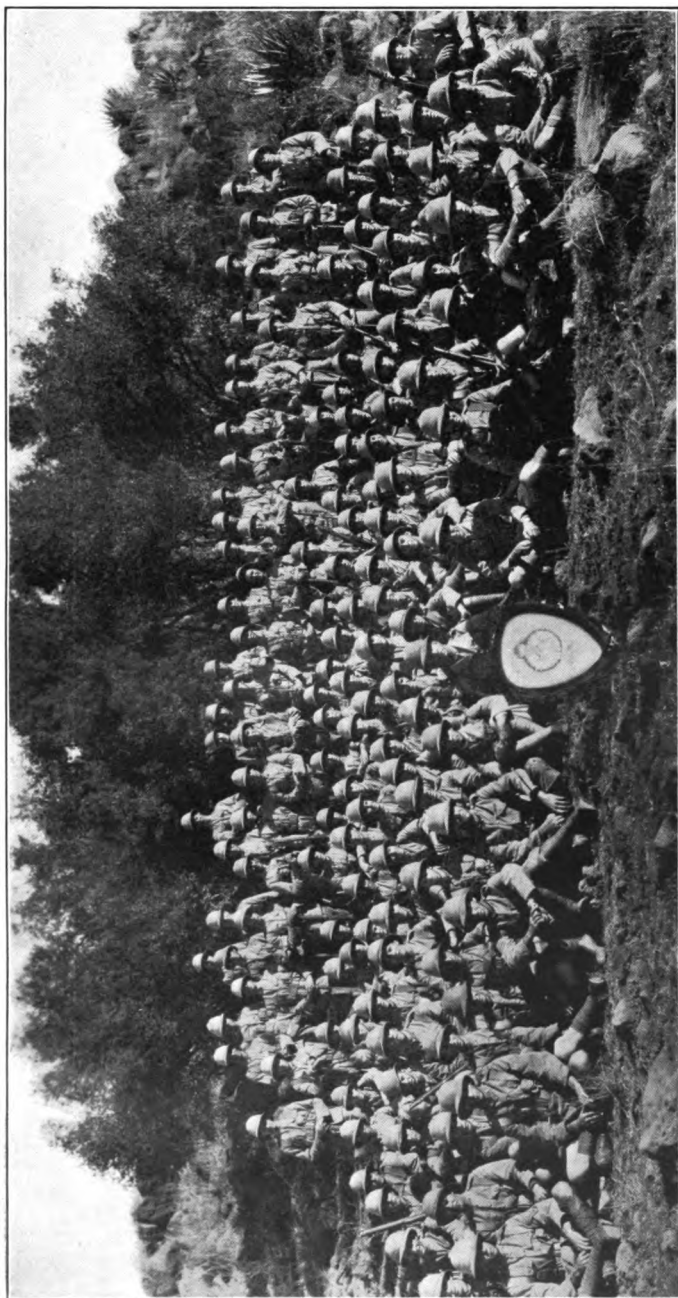
EPSOM ROAD,
DURBAN,
SOUTH AFRICA,
19 November 1928.

DEAR EDITOR,—

Unfortunately the last writer to the CHRONICLE has terminated his appointment as Adjutant to take over the command of "C" Company, consequently it has fallen to my lot to give you the news of the Battalion.

I am most pleased to state that the Officers and Other Ranks all have worked very hard and well together with an endeavour to maintain the efficiency and traditions of the Battalion, and must say we have greatly succeeded, for the Battalion has made very good progress.

This year our Annual Training Camp was held at Ladysmith, Natal, from 9 to 18 May last, together with the Natal Mounted Brigade, the camp-site being actually situated where the Imperial Troops were camped during the Boer War. The country provided for training purposes afforded most splendid training ground, especially for manœuvres. All ranks showed very keen interest, for there are very few members of the Battalion who did not, one way or another, have a relation fighting there, which naturally made our Training Camp all the more interesting. Comradeship in every respect was most excellent.



"D" COMPANY.
1st INFANTRY (DURBAN LIGHT INFANTRY).
Ladysmith Camp, Natal.

1928.

The Camp on the whole has been fairly successful, although from our point of view we are of opinion that better results would be obtained by having Infantry Units only camped together. Mounted and Infantry did not appear to be able to work too well together, specially during the general manœuvres. We would much prefer to work with Infantry, but unfortunately this, however, cannot be done, for we are the only Infantry Unit in Natal.

During our stay at Ladysmith the graves of the Officers and Other Ranks of the 2nd Battalion The Rifle Brigade, viz., Lieut. R. W. Peason, No. 4025 Corpl. H. Whitebeard, No. 3976 Rfn. J. Drinkwater, No. 537 Rfn. A. Harris, Bugler P. Wills, No. 4377 Rfn. E. Evans, buried at the Intombie Cemetery, were visited and wreaths were placed on the graves by Captain Nolan, V.D., of this Unit. The graves were found to be in good order and well cared for.

The Rifle Brigade Alliance Shield was fired for at camp in the nature of a field firing competition between the four companies, and was won by "D" Company, under the command of Captain I. W. Nolan, V.D. This event was very keenly contested, and proved a very great success, shooting being indeed very satisfactory.

I am forwarding you under separate cover a photo of the winning Company ; unfortunately the Shield was not present when the photo was taken, and was therefore afterwards inserted.

The Battalion is still up to full strength, Officers and Other Ranks. We recruited about three hundred new men this year to replace those who have completed their term of peace training and transferred to Class

“ A ” Reserve. The standard of recruits is well up to the average.

We have again been very fortunate as in past years in retaining the services of the majority of our senior N.C.O.'s. This is a very great help, for our Battalion consists mostly of young citizens, and without the help of these senior N.C.O.'s it would be most difficult to train such a large battalion.

We have not had a rifle range in Durban for the last few years and it is most difficult to keep members interested in shooting. The Government has now, however, made a start with the construction of a new range, which I understand will be completed by about the end of March next year. Considering this handicap, I am pleased to say we have done very satisfactorily. The regimental shooting team competed in several matches, winning all but one. They also won all the Trophies for which they were eligible to compete for at the last Natal Bisley Meeting. We also had a very interesting and enjoyable shooting match against H.M. Fleet (S.A. Squadron) during their last visit to Durban, winning the match with a very high average. The younger shots, under the able care and tuition of Captains Nolan and Butcher, are showing great promise.

It is with regret that I have to state that so far, none of our friends from across the sea have been able to pay us a visit, and should any of them at any time come to our town it would afford us great pleasure to give them the very best of our hospitality.

Wishing you the very best of luck and continued prosperity.

Yours ever,

1ST INFANTRY (DURBAN LIGHT INFANTRY).

The Ceylon Planters Rifle Corps.

ARMY ORDER No. 191, dated November 1928, announces—

“His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve the following alliances :—

* * * * *

The Ceylon Planters Rifle Corps to The Rifle Brigade (Prince Consort's Own).”

The alliance will be welcomed by all ranks of the Regiment.

31 *December* 1928.

DEAR EDITOR,—

A few notes on the history of the C.P.R.C. may be of interest. The Regiment was first raised in 1900, chiefly through the enthusiasm of Commander A. J. Farquharson, R.N., who was at that time planting in Ceylon, and backed by the Committee of the Planters Association. It is formed of detachments of European Planters, Merchants, and Civil Servants, grouped into Platoons and Companies in various parts of the Island.

Soon after formation a Contingent Company for duty in South Africa was sanctioned and sailed on 22 April 1900, returning to Ceylon, after useful service, in July 1902.

On the outbreak of the World War in 1914 the Government of Ceylon allowed another Contingent Company to be raised, limited to eight Officers and two hundred and twenty-one Other Ranks, which sailed for England on 27 October 1914. On arrival at Port Said, however, the Company was disembarked and attached to one of the divisions then forming in Egypt. After taking part in the defence of the Suez Canal it became considerably reduced in numbers

owing to the majority being granted commissions in Indian Army and other units. The remnant acted as corps troops to General Birdwood in Gallipoli until the evacuation, and were subsequently also granted commissions. Besides this the Corps trained and sent home some eight hundred Officers for service in the Imperial Army, an achievement of which they can be reasonably proud, considering the small European population in the Island of military age. There was a natural lack of enthusiasm for the first few years after the Armistice, but by 1922 a large number of old members, who had seen service in the War, had rejoined, and with their good example before them there has been no difficulty in recruiting the best type of young man who has come out since then. A typical example of the spirit of the Corps is the case of an old Regular Officer, now planting in Ceylon, who had held the rank of Brigadier-General during the War and who joined as a Rifleman in 1920, was promoted to Company Sergeant-Major in 1921 and commanded the Regiment from 1922 to 1927.

The Ceylon Planters Rifle Corps completed its 28th year of formation in May 1928.

The active strength of the Corps on 31 December was 594, an increase of 40 on last year's number.

Only 19 members failed to make themselves efficient as compared with 22 out of 554 in 1927 and 58 in 1926.

No. IV Company (Colombo) again succeeded in making themselves 100 per cent efficient with a strength of 194, an increase of 34 on the figures of 1927.

Further records were made by L.-Corpl. A. A. Bush and L.-Corpl. R. W. Strachan, the former having 153 drills to his credit and the latter 148.

The number of recruits enrolled and old members re-enrolled during the year was 113, as compared with 97 in 1927.

During the year the following camps were held :—

Kandy. 14 to 17 February. 6 Officers and 21 Other Ranks.

Colombo. 22 to 25 March. 7 Officers and 20 Other Ranks.

Diyatalawa. 8 to 16 June. (1st Relief Annual Camp.) 2 Officers and 42 Other Ranks.

Diyatalawa. 22 to 30 June. (2nd Relief Annual Camp.) 15 Officers and 149 Other Ranks.

Tebuwana. 11 to 14 October. 2 Officers and 19 Other Ranks.

Ratnapura. 18 to 21 October. 2 Officers and 11 Other Ranks.

Kandy. 8 to 11 November. 2 Officers and 53 Other Ranks.

Training in the Vickers Gun was carried out in No. IV Company. 30 members fired the course and all qualified; 25 of them becoming marksmen.

Training in the use of this weapon was restricted to a certain extent owing to the lack of ammunition. 191 fired the course; 146 of them becoming marksmen, 34 1st Class and 11 qualified.

Three teams entered for the Lewis Gun Cup which was won by No. IV Company with a score of 430.

Great keenness was shown by all ranks, and the results obtained were eminently satisfactory.

Rfn. E. L. Walsh and Rfn. G. H. Tripp with a score of 130 led the field in the Annual Course.

The following Cups and Shields were competed for :—

Biddulph Challenge Cup. Won by No. II Company.

Dewar Challenge Shield. Won by No. I Company.
Inter-Sectional Challenge Shield. Won by Nuwara Eliya Detachment.

Walker Challenge Cup. Won by No. IV Company.
No. 2 Inter-Company Challenge Shield. Won by No. III Company.

C.M.R. Challenge Cup. Won by Nuwara Eliya Detachment.

Lewis Gun Cup. Won by No. IV Company.

Farquharson Challenge Cup. Won by No. 10 Section No. IV Company.

Observer Challenge Cup. Won by Batticaloa Section.

Coolbawn Challenge Cup. Won by No. IV Company.

No. III Company was the best shooting Company with an average score of 97·4 or 12·4 points above 1st Class shot.

Captain W. W. Honywood, M.C., 17th/21st Lancers, took over the duties of Adjutant, vice Captain Sir Berkeley Pigott, Bart., 17th/21st Lancers, on 2 July.

C.S.M.I. C. J. Edermaniger proceeded to England on 3 November on the expiration of his agreement.

The following decorations were awarded during the year :—

C.A.F. Officers' Decoration.

Major G. A. S. Collin, M.C.

Major W. F. Hannin, M.C.

C.A.F.I.S. Medal.

L.-Corpl. H. D. Ditmas.

Rfn. H. W. Lake.

Rfn. L. B. Green.

The following Officers passed their promotion examinations during the Annual Camp at Diyatalawa :—

Lieut. F. I. S. Sutherland, M.C.
„ C. C. Woolley, M.C.
„ W. E. Hobday.
„ J. W. M. Playfair.
„ H. L. Roch.
„ J. P. G. Paterson.

The undermentioned were granted commissions as Second Lieutenants :—

P. A. Cornish, M.C.
E. J. Mott.

It is with the greatest regret that the death of the following members of the Corps has to be recorded :—

L.-Corpl. J. Skene.
Rfn. G. D. Hickman.
„ A. E. Ogilvy.
„ R. B. Jamieson.
„ H. C. Halliley.

The Corps was inspected by His Excellency Sir Herbert J. Stanley, K.C.M.G., during the Annual Camp at Diyatalawa.

A ceremonial March Past was performed, after the conclusion of which His Excellency presented the C.A.F.L.S. Medal to Sergt. D. P. Macdonald and Rfn. E. L. Russell.

Yours ever,
C.P.R.C.

REGIMENTAL NOTES.

The Staff College.

LIEUT.-COLONEL T. R. EASTWOOD, D.S.O., M.C., from the 1st Battalion, joined the Directing Staff on 1 September.

Captain R. C. Bridgeman, M.C., completed his two years' course as a student 31 December 1928 and joins the 2nd Battalion at Colchester.

Captain C. P. Warren, M.C., joined as a student officer on 21 January 1929.

Mr. G. W. Mabin.

One of the Gallant Band who Defended Rorke's Drift.

The following extract from the "Cape Times" of 4 October 1928 has been very kindly sent by Lieut-Colonel Templer, C.B.E., late R. Irish Fusiliers, and will be of interest to all members of the Regiment.

"Mr. George William Mabin, of 20 William-street, Woodstock, who on Friday next will celebrate his eightieth birthday, is one of the few men living to-day who formed part of that gallant little garrison which defended Rorke's Drift against the fury of the Zulus on 22 January 1879.

"Mr. Mabin enjoys robust health and is wonderfully preserved. He looks many years younger than his age and is still an active man. 'I often walk to Cape Town and back and think nothing of it,' he told a 'Cape Times' representative who called on him yesterday.

“ In conversation, Mr. Mabin recalled some of the incidents of the memorable defence of Rorke’s Drift—a border Post between Natal and Zululand on the Buffalo River.

“ ‘ The first shot fired in the Zulu War was on 13 January 1879, just over the border across the Buffalo River,’ he said. ‘ I was a Staff-Sergeant of the General Staff and was stationed at Rorke’s Drift at the time.

“ ‘ At the outbreak of the trouble with the Zulus the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the 24th Regiment advanced into Zululand, leaving one Company (B Co.) at Rorke’s Drift. Major Spalding was senior officer there and other officers at Rorke’s Drift Post were Lieut. Chard, of the Royal Engineers, and Lieut. Bromhead, of the 2/24th, who was in command of B Co.

“ ‘ On the morning of 22 January Major Spalding went back to Helpmekaar to hurry on the Company of the 24th Regiment, which was required to protect the ponts. Rumours were then abroad that the Zulus were on the warpath.

“ ‘ About 3 o’clock in the afternoon of that day I was sitting outside the Staff tent at Rorke’s Drift, when a mounted man came up at the gallop. His clothing consisted merely of shirt, trousers and socks. I asked him what was up and he said “ Good God, the camp at Isandhlwana has been rushed by Zulus and nearly all our men have been killed. I’ve come to warn you. The Zulus are on the way here.” ’

“ Here Mr. Mabin explained that the greater part of the force at Isandhlwana under Lord Chelmsford

had that morning proceeded some 10 or 12 miles from the camp on reconnaissance, and during their absence the Zulus had attacked and overpowered the small garrison left behind.

“Reverting to the story, he continued: ‘I immediately rushed up to the Camp and informed Lieut. Bromhead of our position. He sent a man hurriedly to recall Lieut. Chard, who was at work on the pontoons about half a mile away, and the rest of us got to work without delay to erect the best barricade possible. Mealie sacks, biscuit boxes and a few waggons were among the most useful things we could lay our hands on.

“‘We piled these things up, and had no time to cut the bush in front when the first Zulus appeared round the spur of the Oscarsberg. Their numbers increased rapidly, and on they came to the attack, leaping, shouting and firing at us with all sorts of weapons. The majority carried assegais, but many had their own firearms as well as a number of rifles captured at Isandhlwana. Luckily for us they were not good marksmen, but numbers were against us from the beginning.’

“[The official report estimates the Zulu force to have been 3,000, whereas the total garrison at Rorke’s Drift numbered 139, many of whom were non-combatants.]

“‘All I had was a revolver and ammunition,’ said Mr. Mabin, ‘but when the first casualty occurred I took over a rifle. The fight lasted all night and ended at 4 a.m. Many were the rushes made to storm our slender barricade, but the bayonet did useful work. Only two Zulus, I think, manage to get inside and they were quickly despatched. Seventeen

of the garrison were killed and ten wounded, but when relief came at dawn and we went outside we collected about 350 dead Zulus. At the finish, when Colonel Baker Russell's Horse and other units under Lord Chelmsford came to our aid we were reduced to thirteen rounds of ammunition per man. During the twelve hours' scrap I fired thirty rounds with the revolver and afterwards used ninety rounds with the old Martini-Henry.

“ ‘I shall never forget when Lord Chelmsford lined us up and thanked us for our gallant defence. After a few words he completely broke down with emotion.’

“ Mr. Mabin was born at Bristol on 5 October 1848. *He joined the 2nd Battalion Rifle Brigade on 1 June 1868*, and was promoted Acting-Sergeant after four years. He then obtained an appointment as temporary clerk at the War Office and later secured an appointment as Military Staff Clerk at Manchester Head-quarters of the Northern District. He was later moved to a staff clerkship at Dover, at which station he had previously married. In 1878 he volunteered to serve in South Africa and in recognition of Rorke's Drift was promoted a warrant officer on 1 July 1881—a rank he continued to hold until his discharge at Aldershot on 31 May 1898, after thirty years' service.

“ Since his return to South Africa on pension Mr. Mabin, who holds the Zulu War Medal with bar 1878–9, Boer War medals, Meritorious Service Medal with annuity of £10 per annum, and gold medal presented by the Cape Government ‘for the longest and most meritorious service’ (at the time of the Diamond Jubilee) has at various times been em-

ployed by the Barrack Department, Cape Town, and by the Pay Department. At present he is living a retired life, and, as already stated, enjoys the best of health.

“ One of Mr. Mabin’s treasured possessions is his soldier’s ‘ Small Book,’ in which appears the signature of Prince Arthur of Connaught. The entry was made at Dover on 29 February 1872, when the Prince* was a Captain in The Rifle Brigade. During his term of office as Governor-General of the Union, Prince Arthur renewed acquaintances with Mr. Mabin at Woodstock and was delighted to see this book.

“ Among his old army colleagues Mr. Mabin is always referred to as ‘ The Fighting Clerk.’ ”

Mr. Mabin, in answer to a letter from the Editor asking permission to publish the above, writes :—

“ 20 WILLIAM STREET, WOODSTOCK,
C. OF G. HOPE.
22 November 1928.

“ MAJOR H. G. PARKYN,

“ DEAR SIR,—

“ Yours of 30/10/28 received. May I be permitted to thank you for your kind wishes as regards myself, and which I cordially reciprocate. Of course I can have no objection to any use you can make of my published interview with the ‘ Cape Times,’ and I feel honoured by the fact that the reprint in the ‘ Rifle Brigade Chronicle ’ will bring my name to the notice of the more modern Riflemen. Though I only served a little over four years in the P.C.O.R.B., I have never forgotten that ‘ once a Rifleman, always a Rifleman,’

* This must refer to H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught, It was his son Prince Arthur who was Governor-General.—ED.

and I attribute my success in the army to the training I received in that glorious Corps. I have now been on pension for over 30 years, after completing 30 years' active service. I left with an 'Exemplary' character, never having once been entered in a defaulter sheet, and am now enjoying perfect health though over 80 years of age. Should you reprint, I should be thankful for a copy, for which I of course would return payment.

"Yours faithfully,

"G. W. MABIN,

"ex 1st-Class W.O.—late 2nd Battn. R.B."

A photograph of Mr. Mabin and his grandson appeared with the article in the "Cape Times," but it has been found impossible to reproduce this with any satisfactory result.

The Bugle-Major.

ARMY ORDER No. 139 of 1928 states that "His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve of the revival of the original titles of the under-mentioned appointments :

Trumpet-Major, Bugle-Major, Drum-Major and Pipe-Major in place of Sergeant-Trumpeter, Sergeant-Bugler, Sergeant-Drummer and Sergeant-Piper respectively.

The "Oxford English Dictionary" says the earliest example of the title Bugle-Major was in 1844, but that the title was used in the Regiment from its formation is certain. Costello, in his book, "Adventures of a Soldier" uses the rank in Chapter XIV, when he refers to a punishment parade which had taken place before the death of General Craufurd in 1812.

In the Regulations for the Rifle Corps by Colonel

Coote Manningham, 25 August 1800, the title is frequently used, and the following entries occur respecting his duties :—

Article II. Formation of the Corps.

“The Armourer-Major under the orders of the Quartermaster and the Bugle-Major of the Adjutant.”

Article IV. Interior Economy of the Regiment.

Under Messing of Serjeants :—

“In the next place the Colonel directs that all Serjeants shall mess together, and on no occasion whatever with the Rank and File and Buglers. The rules of their Mess are to also be submitted to him for approbation. All Staff Serjeants, the Acting Adjutant, Armourer and Bugle-Major are to be members. Every assistance will be given by the Commanding Officer to render the Serjeants’ Mess comfortable and economical as possible.”

Article VI. Reward of Merit. Punishment for Crime :—

Under Punishments it states :—

“The Bugle-Major will procure his cat-o’-nine-tails from the Quartermaster-Serjeant, for which he will pay the sum of 1s., and which sum he will charge against the punished soldier’s account of the muster. The cats are always to be returned to the Quartermaster-Serjeant after use, each time of punishment ; the Quartermaster-Serjeant will be answerable that they are made of cord of a thickness never less than what is usually called penny cord.”

Article VII. General Regulations.

“The Bugle-Major will be the carrier of all letters for which he will receive such price per

letter or parcel as by a board of officers shall from time to time be agreed upon."

Just before the War it became the custom for the Bugle-Major to carry a silver-mounted stick of the same design as the Regimental cane. In the CHRONICLE for 1906 is reproduced the top of what is described as the Bugle-Major's staff of the 95th.

"Camp and Chancery in a Soldier's Life."

By Major-General Sir L. V. Swaine, K.C.B., C.M.G.
London: John Murray, 1926.

SIR LEOPOLD SWAINE, who joined the Rifle Brigade in 1858 and only severed his connection with the Regiment in 1921, after having been Colonel Commandant of the 3rd Battalion since 1908, has written a book full of interest and varied anecdote.

Sir Leopold first joined the 4th Battalion at Malta. He later went with it to Canada, where the Battalion was present during the Fenian Raid, for which thirty years after, Sir Leopold, by then a Major-General, received the Fenian Medal he had won as a subaltern.

After staying with the Battalion for some years, Sir Leopold in 1870 began a tour of staff service, which provides perhaps the most interesting portion of his book, for, during his various appointments he came into personal touch with all the most famous people of the day. Queen Victoria and Gladstone, the Emperors Frederick and Wilhelm II, Bismarck, Jenny Lind, Abdul Hamid, Edward VII and Moltke all make their appearance, and the various episodes, grave and gay, are given with a light but vivid touch.

As Military Attaché at St. Petersburg and Berlin, Sir Leopold has the opportunity of describing the late

Russian and German courts at the height of their splendour ; while, in Cyprus in 1878, when that Island had just been handed over to us by Turkey, he had many amusing difficulties to contend with as Civil Commissioner.

These are but a few of many experiences, some having much historical interest, which are to be found in the book.

In 1889 Sir Leopold took over command of the 2nd Battalion at Woolwich, and during his term of office he was instrumental in settling, for the Regiment, various points which it had long desired, including the issue of a yearly "RIFLE BRIGADE CHRONICLE."

Sir Leopold Swaine, who is now in his ninetieth year, has set down the recollections of three-quarters of a century of crowded life, viewed from a delightful angle and with a never-failing sense of humour.

Books by Riflemen.

OTHER books written by officers of the Regiment during the past year are: "Twenty-Five Years Big Game Hunting," by Brig.-General R. Pigot, D.S.O. ; "Reminiscences," by Colonel R. E. Crompton ; and a novel by Major The Lord Dunally, entitled "Saddle and Steel." All are excellent of their type.

The Regimental Badge.

FURTHER light has been thrown on the devices worn on the Pouch Belt at various times. Captain F. O. Cave has found the Pouch Belt worn by his grandfather, Francis Ernest Kerr, who joined the Regiment in April 1859 and retired in 1872.

The badge is of the Regimental design with the

eight looped Crown worn by the Regiment at the time, but has the Crimean Honours on the wreath on either side of the Cross. The scrolls are small and the wreath much more pointed than in the later badges.

This badge was evidently worn from 1855 when the three honours "Alma," "Inkerman" and "Sevastopol" were awarded, until 1863 when "Lucknow" was given.

On the Pouch itself the Bugle Horn is worn, but in rather a larger size than usual. The tassel heads hang down between lines.

Regimental Uniform.

A COPY of the following order has been sent to the Editor by Major H. Hone, who received it from Sergt.-Bugler Govier :—

Copy.

" CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM ISSUED TO THE ARMY AT HOME AND ABROAD.

" HORSE GUARDS,

" 18th August, 1854.

" The Queen having been pleased to approve of a change in the Uniform of the Army, sealed patterns for the Infantry have been deposited at the Board of General Officers, and the General Commanding in Chief is pleased to direct that the Regiments now serving in Great Britain and Ireland, viz. 18th Foot, 80th, 82nd, 90th, 94th, shall be clothed accordingly commencing with the year 1855-56.

" All other Regiments will adopt the Uniform commencing with the year 1856-57.

" Her Majesty has also been pleased to approve

of a new Uniform and Helmet for the Light Dragoon Regiments as well as a Uniform for Rifle Corps, patterns of which have been sealed and deposited at the Board of General Officers.

“The Girdle and Sash at present worn by those Corps are abolished as well as the Pelisse in Rifle Regiments.

“The Sabretache will not be worn except in Hussar Regiments.

“All Officers requiring new Uniforms will provide themselves with Uniforms according to the new patterns.

“By Command,
“(Sgd.) G. A. WETHERALL,
“D.A.G.”

Copy.

“Most humbly submitted to your Majesty by your Majesty’s most dutiful Cousin and Servant,

“GEORGE.

“The accompanying pattern Chevrons and Badges, proposed to be substituted for those now worn by the Non-Commissioned Officers in your Majesty’s 60th Rifles and Rifle Brigade.

“Approved.

“VICTORIA R.

“HORSE GUARDS,

“2nd August, 1861.”

Major Hone writes:—

“The present tunic in use was the one brought in wear in place of the coat with tails. In the ‘Thirty Years in the 3rd Battalion,’ by Major Richer in the CHRONICLE, he says: ‘When the 3rd Battalion was formed in 1855 a double-breasted tunic was issued.

The next year the present one in use was issued.' Respecting the chevrons when I joined in 1857, black-braided ones were worn. In 1870, or some time about then, a soldier of an ordinary Line Regiment was being tried, having struck a Sergeant in a Guard Room in a Rifle Corps (it was in the night). He got off, for he stated that he saw no chevrons on the man he struck. The green chevrons were then brought in for Rifle Battalions."

Dress, 1832.

THE following "useful" suggestions* are taken from a letter which appeared in the "United Service Journal," March 1832.

DRESS AND EQUIPMENT OF RIFLEMEN.

MR. EDITOR,—

The yellow epaulets of the French voltigeurs have been justly censured; but are they less absurd than the bright silver buttons, glittering ramrods, brass sword-belts and burnished buckles of the Rifle Brigade.

Permit me, likewise, to inquire the use of the dirk with which the rifleman is encumbered? its appearance is far from ornamental, and it can never be useful in the field; for when fixed on the rifle it barely projects three feet from the arm of the sharpshooter. I would, therefore, substitute for the dirk a light tomahawk, the lower end made to fix in the ground, and the axehead hollowed out to serve as a rest for the piece.

The officers I would arm with targets made of rhinoceros hide and furnished with a projecting spike

* London: Chatto and Windus. October, 1928. 21/- net.

in the centre. The shields worn by the Mahratta Horse will, I believe, turn off a ball at eighty yards' distance.

While on this subject allow me to observe, that many gentlemen have expressed a wish that if the new police were furnished with targets, the celerity of their movements would not be in the least impeded by the weight, and the most violent demagogue would not object to an arm so purely defensive.

Instead of forming the Rifle Brigade into battalions, I would divide it into distinct centuries, each consisting of 144 men and officered by a centurion Captain, First Lieutenant, Second Lieutenant, and Ensign.

To each century should be attached one of the light pieces called amusettes. Their range exceeds 3,000 yards, they may be loaded six times in a minute and fire 200 times in an hour. Not wishing to occupy too much of your valuable columns, I here conclude and remain

Sir, Yours, etc.,

IWRA.

THE RIFLE BRIGADE CLUB NOTES.

The Chairmanship.

LIEUT.-GENERAL SIR H. F. M. WILSON and Major-General Sir V. A. Couper, both of whose terms of appointment as Colonel Commandant terminates during the year 1929, retired from being Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively of the Rifle Brigade Club towards the end of 1928.

All ranks of the Regiment will regret their retirement and appreciate all that they have done during their tenure of office towards the welfare of the Regiment. The appointment of Colonel Commandant is no light office by itself, but when combined with that of running the affairs of the Club it becomes a really arduous task. The new Chairman of the Club is Major-General Sir R. B. Stephens, who has been appointed Colonel Commandant, 18 February 1929. At the time of going to press a successor to Sir V. A. Couper has not been gazetted.

The Regimental Dinner.

THE Regimental Dinner was held at the Trocadero Restaurant on Tuesday, 5 June 1928.

Field-Marshal H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Colonel-in-Chief, presided.

The Company numbered one hundred and forty-eight and included guests from the Chestnut Troop and the Allied Dominion Regiments.

A telegram of greeting from the 1st Battalion, at Dalhousie, was received, and a cordial acknowledgment was despatched.

The toasts were as follows :—

The King, by H.R.H. the Colonel-in-Chief,
The Regiment, by the Colonel-in-Chief,
to which Brig.-General L. L. Nicol responded for the
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A. Couper.

The following is a list of other Officers present :—

General : Sir N. G. Lyttelton.

Lieut.-Generals : Sir R. B. Stephens, Sir H. F. M.
Wilson.

Major-Generals : Sir J. T. Burnett-Stuart, Sir
V. A. Couper, S. E. Hollond, Sir R. B. Lane.

Brig.-Generals : The Honble. R. Brand, The Honble.
C. G. Fortescue, L. F. Green-Wilkinson, R. Haig,
G. F. Leslie, The Earl of Lucan, J. Micklem, L. L.
Nicol, W. W. Pitt-Taylor.

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Crompton, W. E. Davies, Sir A. C. F. FitzGeorge,
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Spencer, R. J. Strachey, The Honble. M. A. Wingfield.

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dian Light Infantry), E. R. Kewley, G. E. W. Lane,
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Liddell, The Earl of Liverpool, S. C. Long, Sir Malcolm
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Captains : G. H. G. Anderson, R. C. Berkeley, R. I. V. Birkbeck, T. J. B. Bosville, R. C. Bridgeman, H. Brierley, V. F. Bulkeley-Johnson, R. Edwardes, T. E. Fairfax-Ross, The Honble. C. D. Finch-Knightley, E. W. S. Foljambe, F. E. A. Fulford, Sir R. C. Gull, Bart., W. Halloran, N. R. Harvey, A. G. Hewson (The Chestnut Troop), F. T. Hill, Sir E. A. Hodson, Bart., R. W. Hyde-Thomson, P. G. Mayer, The Honble. R. W. Morgan-Grenville, C. G. Norbury, W. H. Purvis, F. P. Raven, H. N. Ries, M. G. N. Stopford, T. A. Tatton, F. H. G. Tudor-Owen, Sir R. A. H. Turing, Bart., C. P. Warren, E. J. Wilbraham, E. S. B. Williams.

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The Chronicle Committee.

CAPTAIN R. C. BRIDGEMAN, who has been on the CHRONICLE Committee during his time at the Staff College, has rendered yeoman service in reading and reviews, to say nothing of his article on the Territorial Battalions of the Regiment during the late War, which has entailed a great deal of research work.

It is to be hoped that he will continue his good work at Colchester, and the 2nd Battalion contribution to the CHRONICLE will no doubt be of even a higher standard of literature than before.

Lieut.-Colonel Eastwood has returned to the Committee after a well-earned rest from it of eighteen months.

The History of the Rifle Brigade in the War of 1914-1918.

By Captain R. C. Berkeley, M.C.

THE rates of subscription for the two Volumes are :—

	£	s.	d.
Officers and their relatives .	1	10	0
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Ditto, either volume singly without liability in respect of the other	0	5	0
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To Subscribers of 30s.	252
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The attractive offer of single volumes at five shillings did not meet with the expected response.

The balance against the Club funds so far is £109 0s. 11d., and the greater part of the cost of Volume II has yet to be met.

There is a large stock of Volume I on hand, and it is hoped that those who have not already subscribed will do so without delay.

Volume II is now being compiled, and it is hoped will be issued to subscribers during 1929.

Funerals and Memorials.

ON the occasion of the unveiling of The London Rifle Brigade Memorial at Ploegsteert Wood by Lieut.-General Sir Henry F. M. Wilson, Colonel-Commandant 2nd Battalion The Rifle Brigade, on 19 June 1927, two wreaths were sent out by the Club on behalf of the Regiment and were deposited by Sir Henry Wilson, one at The London Rifle Brigade Memorial, the other at The Rifle Brigade Cemetery.

A Copper Memorial Tablet to Riflemen of the 3rd Battalion who died at Peshawar in 1863-64 and 1892-94 was put up in the Cantonment Church at that Station at a cost to the Club of £17 6s. 1d.

In the Church at Jalapahar, near Darjiling, a memorial brass was placed to the memory of those of the 1st Battalion who are buried there. The cost was £17 11s. 6d.

The two foregoing undertakings were carried out by the Officer Commanding the 1st Battalion, then at Peshawar.

Steps are being taken for the restoration of graves of Riflemen of the 3rd Battalion who died at Bannu with the Tochi Field Force, and of those of the 2nd Battalion at Belfast, near Bergendal, in the Boer War.

During the past year the cost of providing wreaths, and in some cases the travelling expenses of parties, have been borne by the Club in connection with funerals of Riflemen.

The customary wreath was deposited at the Nelson Column in Trafalgar Square on Trafalgar Day, in memory of the Regiment's service with Vice-Admiral Lord Nelson at Copenhagen, in 1801.

The Congreve Memorial.

SUMS collected by the Club and forwarded, as a contribution by the Regiment, to the Memorial Committee, at Malta, totalled £203 10s. 6d.

The incidental expenses, amounting to £11 17s., were defrayed by the Club.

The Regimental Museum.

A GRANT of £16 was made by the Club to meet expenditure incurred in the maintenance of the Museum.

The Rifle Brigade Association.

CONTRIBUTIONS amounting to £49 4s. 3d. were made during the year by the Club to the Funds of the Association.

The Chelsea In-Pensioners.

THE Chelsea In-Pensioners of The Rifle Brigade had their usual outing to Winchester during Green Jacket Week.

The party numbered twelve. The cost of travelling and entertainment, £17 16s., was defrayed from the funds of the Club.

The Officers' Association.

As in former years a contribution of £10 10s. was made by the Club to the funds of the Officers' Association.

THE RIFLE BRIGADE ASSOCIATION.

THE Secretaryship of the Head-quarters Branch has been taken over by Captain H. Brierley, M.C., whose address is Bunhill Row Branch, R.B.A., 130 Bunhill Row, London, E.C.1

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Head-quarters: 130 Bunhill Row, London, E.C.1.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. J. F. AMESS.

SINCE my last Report we have been entrenching and consolidating our already excellent position in Association affairs.

We continue to receive small reinforcements in the way of new members at irregular periods, and our strength is now three hundred.

Our activities have been of a quiet but real nature, and the Committee have every reason to be satisfied with the result of their labours.

Our socials are voted a great success, and the members' ladies take a great interest in our affairs. One has only to see the gatherings at our dances to be assured that we have scored success.

To miss one of our socials is to miss an evening of real enjoyment, and if non-members could only join us just once, then we should be raided with applications for membership.

We are planning ambitious events for the future, and one of these is an outing to Cambridge in May,

when we shall meet the O.T.C. in a shooting match.

We shall pick our team in March, when we hold a miniature-range shoot at our H.Q., and I feel sure that the enthusiasm of our members will help us to uphold the honour of the Regiment. It was proposed at our A.G.M. last October to ask Colonel A. T. Paley to be a Vice-President of the Branch, and his acceptance has given great pleasure to all members.

Since the formation of the Branch we have had the misfortune to lose four of our all-respected members. You have already given the obituary of Sergt. Feltham in the CHRONICLE. I am enclosing that of two others as received from their respective wives.

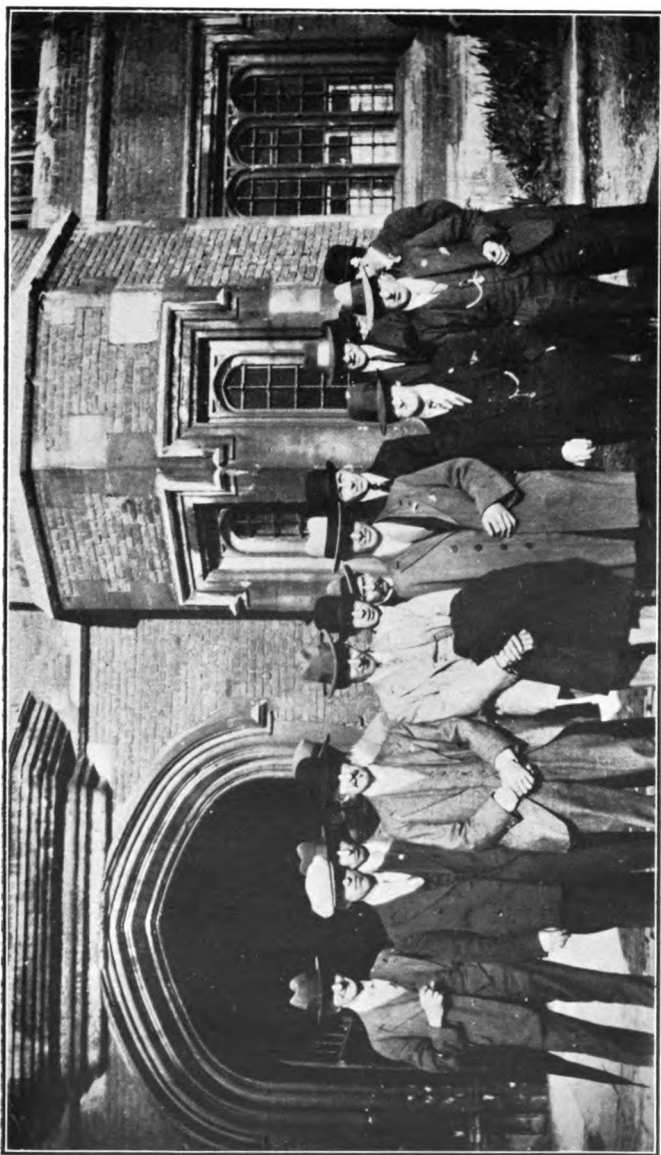
The other member whose obituary I am unable to obtain was Mr. Trundle. It came as a big surprise to hear of his decease, for he attended Colchester on the Regimental Birthday with other members of the Branch.

We now have Brig.-General J. Micklem as President.

Our Vice-Presidents are: Colonel A. T. Paley, Colonel Montford, Major H. G. Parkyn, Captain P. G. Mayer and Captain H. Brierley.

| Colonel Montford is now acting as Joint Honorary Secretary with me in succession to Captain Brierley, who left us to take over the position of Secretary of Association H.Q.

Through the medium of the CHRONICLE we send greetings and best wishes to all serving and retired Riflemen.



THE RIFLE BRIGADE ASSOCIATION, BUNHILL ROW BRANCH. VISIT TO WINDSOR, 1928.

12th (S.) Battalion The Rifle Brigade Old Comrades' Association.

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Committee : Captain Ries.

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Hon. Secretary : Corporal J. T. GLADWIN,
37 London Road, Camberley.

THE Camberley and District Branch continues to prosper.

During the past eighteen months two highly successful smoking concerts have been arranged by the Honorary Secretary. The concerts were well

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The Branch now has a membership of eighty.

Colchester Branch.

Hon. Secretary : Lieut.-Colonel J. P. G. CROSBIE, D.S.O.

2nd Bn. The Rifle Brigade,
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The meeting took the form of a dinner followed by a discussion as regards the future activities of the Branch. A Committee was formed and it was decided to hold meetings every two or three months, the nature of the meeting to be decided by the Committee.

Lieut.-Colonel F. H. Burnell-Nugent, D.S.O., O.B.E., Commanding 2nd Bn. The Rifle Brigade, was in the chair, and Major Tod assumed the duties of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Subsequent meetings of the Branch were held on 1 August and 14 November. On the two latter occasions a sing-song was held and some excellent turns were provided. Captain Rooney arranged for the provision of talent from ex-Riflemen and C.S.M. Wanstall for that in the Battalion. There are about seventy ex-Riflemen in the Colchester district, of whom thirty odd have become members. It is hoped that more will eventually join, but as many live some

way out of Colchester their attendance at the meetings is a matter of considerable difficulty.

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THE membership is not large. We can count our numbers at about fifty, although we have nominally about eighty—many of whom are “stragglers.”

The numbers, by the way, include 60th members, as the Club is run as a joint affair, and of course this has not been a great recruiting centre for The Rifle Brigade.

We hold monthly meetings; this may shortly be extended to fortnightly meetings. We cannot afford to run a clubroom of our own, and so have to depend on a local hostelry.

The principal events in our year here are the cricket match against Lord Liverpool's XI at Lincoln (Lord Liverpool being our President), and the Dinner. We get a few other matches with good clubs on some of the best grounds in the district, but here again lack of funds and members prevent our doing much.

The Lincoln “Festival” has become an event of the highest social importance so far as the club is concerned.

Lord and Lady Liverpool have generously extended the invitation to Hartsholme so as to include all members—besides the XI—so that many men whose means are very limited regard this now as their annual holiday, and save up diligently against the great day.

While the match is going on, Lady Liverpool organises games and races for the children of the party, and other members are allowed to fish the lake. The genial hospitality of our host and hostess have won all hearts.

Lord Liverpool played a great innings himself, and caused great tribulation with his lobs.

The Annual Dinner was voted a great success. We were fortunate in having, among the entertainers, Captain Brindley, and the Nottingham City organist.

We have not found it possible to continue the series of dances and whist drives which were organised in former years.

I regret to record the death of Mr. Coldwell, our first secretary.

Our present secretary, Mr. Berrisford, has worked very hard for the Club—with an energetic committee.

It is an unthankful task to single out names of those who have worked so hard for us, but Messrs. Brooks, Woolhouse, Ayling, Deakin and Jefferson come to mind at once. The Club, as such, attended the British Legion special service on Armistice Day.

One of our chief aims has been to find work for members, and several of us are now gathered under one roof.

We are grateful to other branches for kind invitations. We are sorry that none of them have recently come to any of our functions.

Sussex Branch.

Hon. Secretary: Major E. POOLE, Hartington Hotel,
Whippingham Road, Brighton.

THE Sussex Branch was originated by Lieut.-Colonel H. Sturgis on 28 September 1928. The first meeting was attended by only about ten past members of the Regiment. Lieut.-Colonel H. Sturgis was elected President, and Major E. Poole Secretary and Treasurer.

Notices of the formation of the Branch were

inserted in the local papers, and the Branch now consists of thirty-two members.

On Armistice Day a wreath was laid by a deputation of the Branch on the Brighton War Memorial.

Winchester Branch.

Hon. Secretary : H. J. CHURCHER, Esq.,
16 Kingsgate Street, Winchester.

DURING the past year the Winchester Branch has held the following events : on 15 June Captain and Mrs. Tudor-Owen arranged a cricket match at Bramdean, and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent by members and their wives,

On the Anniversary of the Regimental Birthday, which took place on a week-end ; sports were arranged for the members and their wives, etc., at the Airlie Road Ground in conjunction with the Rifle Depôt, and a party of twenty-five from the Western Branch, London, visited the Branch for the week-end.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Higgins, Epps, Gilmour and R.S.M. Apsey were responsible for their entertainment. A very happy time was spent and it is hoped that a much larger party would be forthcoming next year.

The programme was as follows :—

Saturday, 3 p.m., Sports ; 5 p.m., Tea ; 7.30–12, Concert and Dance.

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Eighty-one members attended the Annual Dinner held in the Guildhall, Winchester, on 3 November. An

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On Armistice Day members paraded with the troops of the Rifle Dépôt and marched to the Cathedral for the Service.

A wreath was laid at the foot of the plinth containing the Regimental Roll of Honour, by the President, Major Leonard Russell.

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The Colchester Branch of the Association came into active being on 7 June 1928, when the first meeting was held.

The meeting took the form of a dinner followed by a discussion as regards the future activities of the Branch. A Committee was formed and it was decided to hold meetings every two or three months, the nature of the meeting to be decided by the Committee.

Lieut.-Colonel F. H. Burnell-Nugent, D.S.O., O.B.E., Commanding 2nd Bn. The Rifle Brigade, was in the chair, and Major Tod assumed the duties of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Subsequent meetings of the Branch were held on 1 August and 14 November. On the two latter occasions a sing-song was held and some excellent turns were provided. Captain Rooney arranged for the provision of talent from ex-Riflemen and C.S.M. Wanstall for that in the Battalion. There are about seventy ex-Riflemen in the Colchester district, of whom thirty odd have become members. It is hoped that more will eventually join, but as many live some

way out of Colchester their attendance at the meetings is a matter of considerable difficulty.

On the whole, the branch is quite flourishing and the meetings well attended.

Lieut.-Colonel Crosbie, D.S.O., took over the duties of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer when he rejoined the Battalion from a tour of duty at the Rifle Dépôt.

The Manchester Branch.

J. B. HULL, Esq., San Remo, Lancaster Road,
Pendleton.

THE Manchester Branch of The Rifle Brigade Association was formed in a city office last May by two ex-Rifleman. They set to with enthusiasm, and by the end of the year nearly ninety members had been enrolled. The Head-quarters are at the Wellington Hotel, Manchester, and the members meet once a month and hold informal social evenings.

An Annual Dinner has been held, which was a very successful affair.

Lieut.-Colonel H. L. Riley, D.S.O., is the President.

Major A. A. Tod and Captain T. A. Tatton, M.C., are Vice-Presidents.

As this is a new Association, no definite programmes will be arranged this winter, but next year arrangements will be made to discuss things of a common interest. It is felt by all members that this Association should be a successful organisation.

Sheffield Branch.

Hon. Secretary: Captain R. SKEGGS, M.C.,
Torcross, Clarendon Road, Fulwood, Sheffield.

THE membership is not large. We can count our numbers at about fifty, although we have nominally about eighty—many of whom are “stragglers.”

The numbers, by the way, include 60th members, as the Club is run as a joint affair, and of course this has not been a great recruiting centre for The Rifle Brigade.

We hold monthly meetings; this may shortly be extended to fortnightly meetings. We cannot afford to run a clubroom of our own, and so have to depend on a local hostelry.

The principal events in our year here are the cricket match against Lord Liverpool's XI at Lincoln (Lord Liverpool being our President), and the Dinner. We get a few other matches with good clubs on some of the best grounds in the district, but here again lack of funds and members prevent our doing much.

The Lincoln “Festival” has become an event of the highest social importance so far as the club is concerned.

Lord and Lady Liverpool have generously extended the invitation to Hartsholme so as to include all members—besides the XI—so that many men whose means are very limited regard this now as their annual holiday, and save up diligently against the great day.

While the match is going on, Lady Liverpool organises games and races for the children of the party, and other members are allowed to fish the lake. The genial hospitality of our host and hostess have won all hearts.

Lord Liverpool played a great innings himself, and caused great tribulation with his lobs.

The Annual Dinner was voted a great success. We were fortunate in having, among the entertainers, Captain Brindley, and the Nottingham City organist.

We have not found it possible to continue the series of dances and whist drives which were organised in former years.

I regret to record the death of Mr. Coldwell, our first secretary.

Our present secretary, Mr. Berrisford, has worked very hard for the Club—with an energetic committee.

It is an unthankful task to single out names of those who have worked so hard for us, but Messrs. Brooks, Woolhouse, Ayling, Deakin and Jefferson come to mind at once. The Club, as such, attended the British Legion special service on Armistice Day.

One of our chief aims has been to find work for members, and several of us are now gathered under one roof.

We are grateful to other branches for kind invitations. We are sorry that none of them have recently come to any of our functions.

Sussex Branch.

Hon. Secretary: Major E. POOLE, Hartington Hotel, Whippingham Road, Brighton.

THE Sussex Branch was originated by Lieut.-Colonel H. Sturgis on 28 September 1928. The first meeting was attended by only about ten past members of the Regiment. Lieut.-Colonel H. Sturgis was elected President, and Major E. Poole Secretary and Treasurer.

Notices of the formation of the Branch were

inserted in the local papers, and the Branch now consists of thirty-two members.

On Armistice Day a wreath was laid by a deputation of the Branch on the Brighton War Memorial.

Winchester Branch.

Hon. Secretary : H. J. CHURCHER, Esq.,
16 Kingsgate Street, Winchester.

DURING the past year the Winchester Branch has held the following events : on 15 June Captain and Mrs. Tudor-Owen arranged a cricket match at Bramdean, and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent by members and their wives,

On the Anniversary of the Regimental Birthday, which took place on a week-end ; sports were arranged for the members and their wives, etc., at the Airlie Road Ground in conjunction with the Rifle Depôt, and a party of twenty-five from the Western Branch, London, visited the Branch for the week-end.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Higgins, Epps, Gilmour and R.S.M. Apsey were responsible for their entertainment. A very happy time was spent and it is hoped that a much larger party would be forthcoming next year.

The programme was as follows :—

Saturday, 3 p.m., Sports ; 5 p.m., Tea ; 7.30–12, Concert and Dance.

Sunday, 9.30 a.m., Divine Service at Cathedral with troops of Rifle Depôt, visit to Cathedral, visit to Barracks and Regimental Museum. Meals were arranged for in Barracks, and gave every satisfaction.

Eighty-one members attended the Annual Dinner held in the Guildhall, Winchester, on 3 November. An

excellent dinner was provided, and all spent a happy time. Colonel F. H. Burnell-Nugent attended, and his speech recording the doings of the 2nd Battalion during the year were greatly appreciated by all.

On Armistice Day members paraded with the troops of the Rifle Dépôt and marched to the Cathedral for the Service.

A wreath was laid at the foot of the plinth containing the Regimental Roll of Honour, by the President, Major Leonard Russell.

On 24 November a series of games was held at the United Service Club premises against the K.R.R.C. Veterans' Branch, and a very enjoyable evening spent.

The present strength of the branch is one hundred and thirty.

OBITUARY.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL THE HONBLE. SIR HENRY YARDE
BULLER, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O.

HENRY YARDE BULLER, grandson of the 1st Baron Churston and brother of the 2nd Baron, was born on 2 November 1862, and was educated at Radley, where he rowed in the school eight. He joined The Rifle Brigade on 15 November 1884.

He was one of the most decorated Officers in the Army, and no one could have worn those decorations with a greater air of distinction.

From May 1887 to April 1888 he was Extra A.D.C. to Lord Reay, the Governor of Bombay. He served in the Waziristan Expedition of 1894-5 with the Battalion and received the Indian General Service Medal with clasp. From November 1896 to December 1897 he was Extra A.D.C. to H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, at that time G.O.C. Aldershot. He served with the 2nd Battalion during the Sudan Campaign of 1898 and received the Queen's Medal with clasp "Khartoum" and the Khedive's Medal. He was afterwards with the Battalion in Crete and was appointed Governor of Temenos. During the South African War he served with the 1st Battalion at the Battle of Colenso, Relief of Ladysmith, Spion Kop, Vaal Kranz, and the operations on the Tugela Heights and at Pieters' Hill, Laing's Nek, Belfast and Lydenberg. He was D.A.A.G. Intelligence from June 1900 until September 1902. He was mentioned in des-



**BRIG.-GENERAL THE HON. SIR HENRY YARDE-BULLER,
K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O.**

patches, awarded the D.S.O. and received the Queen's Medal with clasps Belfast, Cape Colony, Tugela Heights, Relief of Ladysmith, and Laing's Nek, and the King's Medal with clasps. From 1903 to March 1904 he was specially employed on Intelligence at Army Headquarters and as a Staff Officer from April 1904 to February 1905. In 1906 he was appointed Military Attaché at the Northern European Courts, and from March 1910 to May 1912 he was Assistant Military Secretary to the G.O.C.-in-C., Ireland. After a short period at the War Office he was appointed Military Attaché at Paris, Madrid and Lisbon. In September 1914 he was appointed Chief of the Military Mission to the French Army, and held that post until December 1916 with the rank of Brigadier-General. He then became Military Attaché at Christiania and Stockholm until 1919. He was created a M.V.O. in 1908, C.B. in 1917, and a K.B.E. in 1919. He also received the Legion of Honour and several other foreign decorations.

The greater part of his service was passed on the Staff, but he was a keen and first-rate Regimental Officer. The writer of this appreciation remembers well, after Henry had served, as one of the four Subalterns from the two home-serving Battalions, a course of Mounted Infantry (for which there was always keen competition), that the Company Commander—Lord Hardinge (Punch)—told him that Henry had been his best Subaltern. He was most conscientious and had the highest sense of duty. He worked hard, as was proved by his passing for the Staff College.

Of his long service on the Staff, perhaps the most important was his service as Military Attaché, of which he had no less than three tours, and Chief of

the Military Mission to the French Army 1914-16. His habitual courtesy, consummate tact and "savoir faire" must have been of the greatest help to him in such a capacity. No finer tribute could have been paid to any man than that which appeared in *The Times* of 20 March 1928, from which the writer ventures to quote:—

"Possessed of a singularly charming personality and character, he brought into the lives of all who knew him the sunshine which emanated from a heart of gold. A loyal and true friend, he was the soul of honour and truth. A hater of intrigue and underhand dealing, he was incapable of a mean action, word or thought. It was a joy to be with him, and one could never come away from him without feeling the better for having been in his presence."

Henry was an enthusiastic golfer, with the perfect golfing temperament, but like many others (including the writer and other of his brother officers) he was a poor performer. He was the most delightful person to play with; however many holes he might be down, he was always the same—always good-tempered, never grumbling and always an optimist, and at the end of a game in which he might have been soundly beaten, he always thought that he had discovered what had been wrong with his play and was full of hope and determination to have revenge the next day.

Henry and the writer were playing golf in the North of Scotland a few years ago and were much struck by the following lines posted up in the Golf Club-house:

"And when the One Great Scorer comes to write
against our name,
He writes not that we lost or won, but how we
played the game."



MAJOR-GENERAL SIR C. R. H. NICHOLL, K.C.B.

Henry handed in his card on 15 March 1928, and the One Great Scorer can have had little difficulty in filling in that card.

The Rifle Brigade has never produced a better type of Rifleman nor a more perfect gentleman.

L. L. N.

MAJOR-GENERAL SIR C. R. H. NICHOLL, K.C.B.

MAJOR-GENERAL SIR CHRISTOPHER RICE HAVARD NICHOLL was the fifth son of the Right Hon. John Nicholl, of Merthyr Mawr, Glamorgan, M.P. for Cardiff. He was born in 1836 and educated at Eton. He was gazetted to the Regiment 17th January 1855, promoted Lieutenant in May the same year, and Captain 27 April 1860, Bt.-Major 24 October 1872, Bt.-Lieut.-Colonel 1 April 1874, Major 19 January 1876, Lieut.-Colonel 7 August 1880, Bt. Colonel 19 January 1881, placed on half-pay 7 August 1885, Major-General 7 June 1890, placed on retired list 7 August 1892.

He served with the 2nd Battalion during the Crimean War and received the medal with the "Sevastopol" clasp, and the Turkish War Medal. During the Indian Mutiny he continued to serve with the 1st Battalion and received the medal with clasp inscribed "Lucknow," and was present at the action of Nawabgunge and subsequent operations in Oude.

His next active service was with the 2nd Battalion in the Ashantee War of 1874, for which he received the Medal with clasp "Coomassie."

From 1880-85 he commanded the 3rd Battalion. In 1913 he was appointed Colonel Commandant of the 1st Battalion, which he held until 1921.

He was created a K.C.B. in 1921.

He married in 1868 Florence, daughter of the Rev.

Charles Knight, of Tythegston Court, Glamorgan, and had two sons and six daughters.

His eldest son, Major B. R. Nicholl, 1/2nd K.E.O. Gurkhas, was killed in Mesopotamia while leading his Regiment in the Forlorn Hope at the attack on the Dhujaila Redoubt on 8 March 1916.

He died at 11 Tedworth Square, Chelsea, on 31 March 1928, aged 91.

Right up to the time of his death, Sir Christopher had continued to take a great interest in the Regiment with which he had so long served and done so much for.

In spite of his great age he insisted, in 1927, on visiting the Royal United Service Institution in order to view the plate of the 3rd Battalion which was at that time on view in the Museum.

By his death the Regiment loses a keen Rifleman and one of its few surviving Crimean veterans.

CAPTAIN D. N. GUTHRIE.

DUNCAN NIGEL GUTHRIE, of Guthrie Castle, Forfarshire, or, as he was more usually known in the Regiment, David Guthrie, was the younger son of the late Captain I. D. M. Guthrie, of Guthrie Castle, Forfarshire, by his wife Elizabeth, daughter of Duncan Davidson, Esq., of Tulloch, Ross-shire. He was born 7th October 1891, and educated at Radley. Soon after leaving school he went to British Columbia and Canada. From there he went on to the Malay States, where he was employed on a rubber plantation. When the War broke out, all ships were full and it was impossible to find a berth on a passenger steamer, so with characteristic determination he collected a party of friends

who all signed on together before the mast of a tramp steamer and reached England in the late autumn of 1914. Probably through not realizing that he could have had a commission for the asking, he enlisted as a private in the A.S.C. at once, and drove a lorry for some weeks. He was then gazetted as 2nd Lieutenant to the Royal Scots Fusiliers, but it seems he never joined that Regiment, but joined the 9th Battalion Rifle Brigade in March 1915 at Aldershot, being sent in May to the 5th Reserve Battalion at Minster, Isle of Sheppey. Here he remained till September 1915, when he joined the 3rd Battalion at Eperleques as a temporary Captain and was posted to " B " Company, later going as Captain to " A " Company, with which he served till 18 August 1916, when he was severely wounded at the attack on Guillemont on the Somme. Hit in the right shoulder, he lost the use of his right hand, and much of his right arm. This kept him in hospital for six months, and it was not till September 1917 that he returned to France as A.D.C. to General de Lisle and afterwards with General Whigham at Bulford.

When he rejoined the Regiment in September 1922 he was posted to the 4th Battalion at Gibraltar, and, on the disbandment of that Battalion, to the 2nd at Aldershot. He continued to serve with the 2nd Battalion till about a year before his death, when he went as Adjutant to the 12th London Regiment.

Owing to his not having accepted a regular commission till June 1916, he found himself badly placed for promotion, being still a subaltern when thirty-five years old. As far as his prospects of promotion went, there was therefore little for him to hope for, but his devotion to the Regiment and the Service made him stay on,

In 1922 he married Miss Gladys Manger, and had a charming house and stable at Yartington, in the Blackmore Vale Country.

He had the real Rifleman's quality of making the best of things. Whether it was a job of work or a good hunt, David could be relied upon to put up a good show and see the thing through. Full of humour and understanding of other people's difficulties and unselfish to a degree, everyone was devoted to him.

He won the Blackmore Vale Point-to-Point three years running.

He was killed on 13 April 1928 while riding in the New Forest Point-to-Point.

The Regiment is the loser of one who was a keen Rifleman of the best sort and highest ideals.

The Field, in recording his death, says:—

“ His old comrades of the Rifle Brigade and the 29th Division will have heard of the death of Nigel Guthrie, from an accident while riding in a Point-to-Point, with the greatest grief. This is not the place to speak of him as a most gallant soldier and a most lovable friend. But he created what was, perhaps, a record in horsemanship. Though he had lost the use of his right arm through a wound in the war, he was a first-class man to hounds and a most successful rider in Point-to-Point races. Those of us who have ridden races know the difficulty of holding a tired horse together and yet driving him. To be able to do this, and do it well, as did Nigel Guthrie with one arm, is surely almost without parallel.”

J. L. B.

CAPTAIN F. GIDNEY.

CAPTAIN FRANCIS GIDNEY was the son of Major F. Gidney, late North Staffordshire Regiment. He was born 13 June 1890, and educated at King Edward VI School, Lichfield, and Dulwich College and Cambridge. On the outbreak of the late War he at once applied for a Commission and was gazetted 2nd Lieutenant in the 5th Battalion on 15 August 1914, was promoted Lieutenant 21 July 1915 and Captain 30 March 1916.

He served with the 4th Battalion in 1914 and 1915, but was invalided home and became Signalling Officer to the 5th Battalion, and subsequently Brigade Signalling Officer at Sheppey April 1915–June 1916; Officer i/c Army Signals Chatham Garrison, June 1916–January 1917; Command Signalling Officer attached General Staff Head-quarters Eastern Command; G.S.O. 3 G.H.Q. The Forces in Great Britain, January 1917–September 1918; September 1918–April 1919.

Although a delicate man, he was full of energy and resource in getting up entertainments for the men, and Gidney and his signallers were a standing order at all sing-songs.

Like many quiet and retiring men, he was full of courage, and on the occasion of a two-horsed limbered waggon running away near the children's schools, Gidney pursued it on a motor bicycle, jumped from the machine into the waggon and climbing out along the pole pulled the horses up just before they came to the danger spot.

On leaving the Army at the conclusion of the War, he became a Boy Scout official, and was Camp Chief at Gillwell Park and later on Head-Master of Cliff

House School, Southbourne, Bournemouth, which he ran entirely on Scout lines.

Sir Robert Baden-Powell writes :—

“ We had valued him so much in the Scout movement where his personality had such far-reaching effect that anybody who came across him could not fail to love him.

“ He inspired a splendid spirit among all those who came under his influence during his time as Camp Chief at Gillwell Park ; and personally I had always been hoping for his restoration to health with the idea that he might come back to us and continue his good work.”

He died at The Haven, Springfields, Chelmsford, on 30 April 1928, aged 38 years, from the effects of war service.

J. BUCHANAN DUNLOP, Esq.

JAMES BUCHANAN DUNLOP was the second son of Robert Buchanan Dunlop of Drumhead, Dumbartonshire.

He was gazetted to the Regiment from the Stirlingshire Militia in 1858, promoted Lieutenant 7 November 1862, and retired 1 August 1868.

He served on the North-West Frontier in 1864.

The following obituary is copied from an Ottawa newspaper :

“ A man who figured largely in the religious life of Ottawa and vicinity, died recently in Toronto in the person of James Dunlop, formerly a Lieutenant in The Rifle Brigade. In or about 1868 he with his brother officers, Lord Adelbert Cecil and Mr. Turner, resigned their commissions in the Army and took up

evangelistic work in the Ottawa valley, working in conjunction with the churches. Lord Adelbert Cecil after working with Mr. Dunlop for several years was accidentally drowned at Napanee about forty years ago.

“Mr. Dunlop carried on evangelistic work in various places, visiting the West Indies several times, Western Canada and the Maritime Provinces. Latterly he made his home in Perth. His wife, formerly Miss Mina Joyce, of Ottawa, predeceased him about a year ago. His activities were chiefly in connection with the Plymouth Brethren. Burial took place at Perth.”

He died on 1 July 1928 in Toronto, aged 88 years.

LIEUT.-COLONEL J. C. DUFF.

LIEUT.-COLONEL JAMES CHARLES DUFF was born 21 August 1864 and enlisted in the Regiment in 1883. He served in the ranks 11 years and 92 days and as a warrant officer 4 years and 104 days.

He was appointed Quartermaster 4th Battalion, with the Hon. Rank of Lieutenant 5 April 1899, and was posted to the Royal Military College as Quartermaster 1 February 1903; was granted the Honorary rank of Captain 5 April 1909, Honorary Major 5 April 1914; was promoted Lieut.-Colonel in the New Year's Honours List 1 January 1919. He retired on retired pay 21 August 1919 and was appointed Retired Recruiting Officer at Whitehall 19 January 1920.

His War Service included the South African War 1902, Operations in the Orange River Colony January to 31 May, and in Cape Colony January 1902. He received the Queen's Medal with three clasps. During

the late War he was employed at the War Office. For a number of years he was Honorary Secretary to The Rifle Brigade Club.

In "The Times" of 21 July appeared the following notice :—

A correspondent writes :—

"The announcement in *The Times* of the death of Lieutenant-Colonel J. C. Duff (late of The Rifle Brigade) will have been read with regret by many Army officers who were cadets at Sandhurst in the first decade of the century when, as Major Duff, he was Quartermaster of the College, and they will have called up pleasant memories of an exceptionally sunny and humorous personality.

"Duff was born in the Army at Limerick, where his father (after a long active service) was Barrack Master, and spent his whole life in the Army. He served in the Boer War with The Rifle Brigade as sergeant-major. During the Great War he helped in the work of keeping relatives and friends in touch with British prisoners of war in Germany; and, in later years, was engaged at the London Head-quarters of Recruiting, Scotland Yard.

"Colonel Duff had arranged to retire next week at the age of 64, and was spending a brief holiday with his wife at Cliftonville, when he died suddenly on Saturday. He was in his usual gay spirits to the last."

He died on 14 July 1928.

MAJOR A. L. C. CAVENDISH.

MAJOR ALWYN LIONEL COMPTON CAVENDISH was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. F. Cavendish, late of H.M. Prison Service. He was born 26 March

1890, and educated at Cheltenham and the R.M.C., Sandhurst.

On 4 December 1909 he was gazetted 2nd Lieutenant in the 3rd Battalion, and promoted Lieutenant 23 September 1911, Captain 20 December 1914. On the formation of the 8th Battalion in 1914 he was appointed as Captain, with date 15 November 1914, and proceeded with the Battalion to France. He was wounded during the liquid-fire attack in July 1915, and invalided home.

He returned to the front in March 1916 and served with the 8th Battalion as second-in-command until invalided home with dysentery.

Towards the end of the year he again went to France and served on the Intelligence Staff 14th Division until early in the year 1917, when he was posted to the 1st Battalion and was severely wounded on 9 April at the Battle of Arras. On his recovery he was employed at the War Office from 20 August 1917 until he retired, 24 January 1920, with rank of Major.

He was mentioned in despatches 1 January 1916 and received the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal, and the Croix de Guerre.

In 1917 he married Muriel, eldest daughter of Lieut.-Colonel Sir Charles and Lady Heaton Ellis, of Wyddial Hall, Hertfordshire, and widow of Mr. Richard Graves, Coldstream Guards, who was killed in November 1914. He leaves one son.

In 1926 he was appointed Assistant-Commissioner in the Sudan Political Service and was promoted the next year to Deputy Commissioner in the Mongalla Province.

He died of blood-poisoning, at sea, on 28 August 1928, aged 38 years.

J. McW. BAMPFIELD, ESQ., M.C.

JOHN McWILLIAM BAMPFIELD was the eldest son of the Rev. J. McW. and Mrs. Bampfield, of Stoke-in-Teignhead Rectory, Newton Abbot.

He was born 5 August 1897 and in 1912 went to Rossall, where he made his name as an athlete, representing his school at hockey, cricket and Rugby. He has been described as possibly the best schoolboy scrum-half of his year (1914-15). He was also a boxer and long-distance runner.

On leaving school in 1915 he was gazetted 2nd Lieutenant in the 6th Battalion in September and proceeded to France 24 August 1916, being posted to the 13th Battalion. He was awarded the Military Cross for gallantry. In the *London Gazette* the official notice being as follows :—

He rallied the Company under heavy fire and collected men of other units near him, organised the defence of the village in a skilful manner. His example and courage under fire was most marked."

From 15 November 1916 until 20 December the same year he held the acting rank of Captain.

He was promoted Lieutenant 1 July 1917, and retired on 24 June 1920. The following is extracted from the obituary notice which appeared in the *West African*, dated 15 September 1928.

"After the War he went to Selwyn College, and in due course was appointed to the Nigerian Administrative Service. He was first stationed at Ibadan, and on his second tour he went to Oyo, where he had charge of the preparations to welcome the Prince of Wales, a visit which did not take place. He did however assist at the official welcome in Ibadan in April

1925, where he was personally thanked by his Royal Highness and the Resident, Captain Ross, for his previous work at Oyo. On his last tour he was at Ibadan, Ife, Ilesha, where he was occupied in the construction of roads and bridges and in boundary settlement in the Ife Forest Reserve. In March, 1927, his health began to break, and in June he was invalided from the Coast. For a year, with amazing pluck and cheerfulness, he fought against consumption, but the disease, which probably owed its origin to a touch of gas in the war, proved incurable, and in spite of devoted nursing he died on Sunday, September 2 1928.

“He played the game of life as he had played lesser games, with fine fearlessness, untiring energy, unquestioning generosity, and a never-failing sense of humour, and in Nigeria, where there were many excuses for giving up, he played it to the end. All who knew him, in work or in play, realise that in him death has removed a faithful servant of Empire.”

He died at Crownwell Sheldon after a long illness on 2 September 1928.

MAJOR W. WADHAM.

MAJOR WILLIAM WADHAM was born 4 December 1853 and enlisted in the Regiment in 1873, and was promoted Quartermaster from being Sergeant-Major of the 3rd Battalion in February 1887. He was given the Honorary rank of Captain 19 February 1897, and that of Major 1 January 1903.

In 1891 he was transferred from the 3rd Battalion to be Quartermaster of the 5th Battalion, with which battalion he continued until his retirement in 1905.

He served with the 5th Battalion in South Africa during the War of 1899–1900, and received the Queen's

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Medal with clasps, "Cape Colony," "Orange Free State" and "1902."

On leaving the Service he joined the staff of the Corps of Commissionaires and the Editor received the following letter from their secretary with which all Riflemen who knew Wadham will heartily agree.

419 STRAND,
12/11/28.

"DEAR SIR,

"In reply to your letter of the 10th inst., I beg to inform you that the late Major W. Wadham joined this Corps on the 1st November 1905, when he took over the Command of our Division at Manchester.

"On 1st January 1909 he was appointed Quartermaster of the Corps at Head-quarters in London, and held this post right up to the day of his death. He was actually at work the week before he died, so he literally died in harness.

"He was an absolutely ideal Quartermaster—loved and respected by all ranks—and in him we have lost a very dear friend.

"He was a real credit to The Rifle Brigade, for which he had an intense devotion, and in fact he was one of the whitest men that I have ever had the pleasure of working with.

"Yours sincerely,
"EDMUND WALTER, Lieut.-Colonel,
"Secretary to the Governors,
"Corps of Commissionaires."

He married in 1892 Miss Margaret Ann Cousins, daughter of Captain Cousins, Quartermaster Essex Regiment Dépôt.

He died on 1 November 1928, aged 73 years.

MAJOR F. S. THORNTON.

MAJOR FRANCIS SPENCER THORNTON was the son of John Thornton, Esq., and was born 8 February 1856. He was appointed Sub-Lieutenant unattached 13 June 1874 and the same date to the 64th Regiment; on 10 February the following year he was transferred to the Rifle Brigade. He was promoted Lieutenant 13 June 1875, and Captain 1 June 1882. He passed through the Staff College in 1884, and then proceeded on active service with the Bechuanaland Expedition 1884-85, for which he received the African General Service Medal with clasp "Bechuanaland 1884-85." From 1888-89 he was D.A.A.G. at Mauritius. He was promoted Major 9 November 1890 and retired 25 September 1895. From 1 July 1899 until 6 August 1904 he was Brigade-Major, South Midland Volunteer Infantry Brigade.

He died on 4 December 1928, aged 72 years, at Cotehill, Parkstone, Dorset.

SERGEANT STUBBS.

SERGEANT STUBBS enlisted in the Regiment on 20 April 1880, and was posted to the 1st Battalion. He served with the Camel Corps during the Egyptian Campaign 1884-5 and received the Medal with clasps "Nile" and "Abu Klea," and the Khedive's Star. His next active service was with the Battalion during the Burmah War, he received the Medal with clasps 1887 and 1889.

He was a member of the Bunhill Row Branch of the Rifle Brigade Association, and died on 25 November 1927, aged 69 years.

ACT/SERGEANT F. JENNINGS.

ACTING-SERGEANT FRANK JENNINGS was born 19 March 1880, and enlisted in the Regiment 18 April 1898. He served in the South African War and received the Queen's Medal, and was discharged 23 April 1919.

He died 22 December 1927.

CORPORAL S. ROULSTON.

CORPORAL SAMUEL ROULSTON was born at Liverpool; and enlisted in the Regiment 27 March 1854; and served with the 2nd Battalion in the Crimea, and was wounded whilst on duty in the trenches before Sevastopol. He received the Medal with clasps, Alma, Inkerman, Balaklava and Sevastopol. On 1 January 1857 he was transferred to the 62nd Regiment and was discharged medically unfit on 27 May the same year.

He died 5 January 1928, aged 93 years.

RIFLEMAN H. GREEN.

RIFLEMAN H. GREEN enlisted in the 4th Battalion 22 May 1881, and served with the Mounted Infantry in the Mashonaland Field Force 1896-7, taking part in the Matabele War, and received the Medal. He was discharged to Reserve in 1898, but was called up for the South African War and served with the 1st Battalion, receiving the two South African Medals with clasps, "Cape Colony," "Transvaal," "Tugela Heights," "Relief of Ladysmith," and "Laing's Nek." He was a member of the Bunhill Row Branch of the Rifle Brigade Association, and died after a long illness on 15 January 1928.

QUARTERMASTER-SERGEANT J. J. HENNESSEY.

QUARTERMASTER-SERGEANT JOHN JOSEPH HENNESSEY was born 22 March 1859, and enlisted in the Regiment 22 March 1877, and was discharged 25 March 1909 with the rank of Quartermaster-Sergeant. On the outbreak of the late War he re-enlisted in the Regiment, and was discharged 14 March 1915.

He received the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

He died 31 January 1928.

COLOUR-SERGEANT W. H. WYLES.

COLOUR-SERGEANT WALTER HENRY WYLES was born 5 November 1876, and enlisted 5 March 1890. He served in the South African War and received the Queen's and King's Medals, also that for Long Service and Good Conduct. He was discharged with the rank of Colour-Sergeant, 31 March 1912.

He died 18 February, 1928.

SERGEANT-MAJOR H. LOCK.

SERGEANT-MAJOR HART LOCK was born 22 June 1868, and enlisted in the 4th Battalion 17 February 1888. He became Sergeant 7 April 1896, and in 1904 was appointed Colour-Sergeant-Instructor to the Artists' Rifles. From 1914-19 he was Regimental-Sergeant-Major to the Corps. He retired in 1919.

His war service included the Tirah Campaign of 1897-8, for which he received the Indian General Service Medal with clasp Punjab 1897-8. He was awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal in 1918 and was mentioned three times in despatches.

He was a very good shot, and in 1899 was first at Hythe.

He died on 26 June 1928 at the Thorns Hotel, Horley, Surrey.

RIFLEMAN G. EDWARDS.

RIFLEMAN G. EDWARDS enlisted in the Regiment on 31 August 1925 and was posted to the 2nd Battalion 8 March 1926 and to the 1st Battalion 22 February 1927. He died at the Military Hospital, Lahore, on 16 December 1928.



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